



City Council

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Lacey Fire District 3 for Joint Training

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Issue:

Shall the City enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Lacey Fire District 3 for joint fire training and Lacey's use of the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center (MNRFTC).

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager's Recommendation:

Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Lacey Fire District 3 for joint fire training and use of the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Olympia Fire Department has set a high standard for fire training and has developed a state of the art fire training complex, the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center. This high standard and facility supports the department's firefighting effort through readiness and safety training of the fire department personnel making them a more effective tool in the protection of the citizens of Olympia.

This level of training has not gone unnoticed by the local fire service and is desired by other local Fire Departments for their firefighters. Lacey Fire District 3 would like to participate in Olympia's training program and be able to use the Olympia facility. To this end, an Interlocal Agreement has been developed by the training staff of both departments. Along with the revenue received from the Fire District, the agreement also specifies the number of hours of in-kind work that the District will provide to the joint training program. Lastly, the agreement defines the access that the District will have to the facility.

The agreement was then taken to the Administrative staffs of both departments for review and then reviewed by legal counsel for both entities. Lacey Fire District 3 has already signed the agreement.

This Interlocal Agreement documents:

- compensation to the City
- hours Lacey personnel will provide to the training effort
- liability coverage for Lacey personnel using the MNRFTC
- management of any future joint assets.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

None known.

Options:

1. Accept the Interlocal Agreement.

Accepting this Interlocal Agreement provides benefits to both Olympia and Lacey Fire District 3 in the fire service goal of providing well trained, safe and effective firefighters for their communities. The agreement also brings revenue into the City to offset costs at the MNRFTC.

2. Do not accept the Interlocal Agreement and send it back to staff.

Not accepting this Interlocal Agreement eliminates planned additional revenue that would have offset increases in the training program expenses.

Financial Impact:

Contract defines revenue to the City of Olympia - Fire Department from Lacey Fire District 3 for use of the MNRFTC (\$60,000 annually) and in-kind staff hours devoted to the joint fire training by District personnel.