


TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ken Johnson, ES Chief 
SUBJECT: Atascadero Automatic Aid Agreement
DATE: February 3, 2004

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider an automatic aid agreement with the City of Atascadero.

- FACTS:**
1. Aid agreements save taxpayer money and enhance response capability through resource sharing.
 2. The City has a mutual aid agreement in place with other city and county emergency response agencies.
 3. The City has an automatic aid agreement in place with County Fire/CDF (since January 2000, see attached).
 4. Mutual aid requests are processed through County Fire dispatch, but only after someone at the emergency scene requests these additional resources.
 5. Automatic aid requests are processed immediately upon receipt of the 911 call.
 6. Automatic aid resources arrive approximately 8 to 12 minutes faster than mutual aid resources due to the differences in how these requests are processed.
 7. In 2002, Paso Robles received mutual aid from Atascadero on 3 occasions, and provided mutual aid on 2 occasions. In 2003, Paso Robles received mutual aid from Atascadero on 2 occasions, and provided mutual aid on one occasion.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: The Department of Emergency Services wishes to augment its resource sharing agreements with an automatic aid agreement with the City of Atascadero Fire Department for the following resources:

- One staffed fire engine for commercial and multi-family structure fires.
- One staffed fire engine for wildland fires.
- Use of an additional radio frequency.

In consideration of this increased response, the City of Atascadero shall receive the following resources:

- One staffed ladder truck for commercial and multi-family structure fires.

The automatic dispatching of Paso Robles' ladder truck to Atascadero is estimated at 6 to 12 times each year. Many of these responses will result in the truck's cancellation prior to its arrival (based on information provided by the first-in Atascadero fire engine). For fires in Atascadero where the ladder truck has been committed and Paso Robles simultaneously experiences the need for a

ladder truck, Paso Robles will initiate a mutual aid request for a ladder truck from Morro Bay, Arroyo Grande, or San Luis Obispo.

The automatic aid agreement includes a severance clause, providing the opportunity for either city to opt out with 30 days notice. The City Council shall be provided a report on response activity as it relates to this agreement on February 1, 2005.

POLICY

REFERENCE: None

FISCAL

IMPACT: None. Any indirect costs associated with response would be covered with existing budget allocations.

OPTIONS:

- a.** Authorize the Emergency Services chief to enter into an automatic aid agreement with the City of Atascadero Fire Department.
- b.** Amend, modify or reject above option.

**Operational Plan of
Automatic Response and Use Agreement Between
City of Atascadero Fire Department and
City of Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services**

Purpose

This document is to serve as the operational plan to facilitate the Automatic Response agreement between the Atascadero Fire Department and Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services. This plan will include the following items:

- Jurisdictional Responsibility
- Areas of Response
- Communications/Dispatch
- Joint Training

Jurisdictional Responsibility

The Incident Commander in whose jurisdiction the incident occurs is in charge, providing direction to personnel and equipment provided through this agreement. The Incident Command Organization will be established by the first arriving unit and transitioned to the responsible jurisdiction as early as possible.

Area of Response

Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services will automatically respond a ladder truck to all commercial and multi-family residence structure fires within the city of Atascadero.

Atascadero City Fire Department will automatically respond one paramedic engine to all commercial and multi-family residence structure fires as well as a Type 3 engine to any wildland fire within the City of Paso Robles. Additionally, Paso Robles is granted the use of and recorded with the FCC as a licensed user of Atascadero Repeated Tactical Radio Channel Tx 151.100 and Rx 156.150 with pl Tone 82.5.

Communications/Dispatch

Command net for Atascadero incidents will be Atascadero Fire Net, with the TAC channel being White 2 or as advised.

Command net for Paso Robles incidents will be Paso Robles Fire Net, with the TAC channel being White 2 or as advised.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Primary Command</i>	<i>Tone</i>	<i>Primary Tactical</i>
ATA	154.370 Rx 154.070 Tx	82.5 Tx	154.265 Rx 154.265 Tx
AFD Tac	151.100 Tx		156.150 Rx
PRF	155.115 Rx 153.815 Tx	82.5 Tx	154.265 Rx 154.265 Tx

Joint Training

Both parties to this agreement shall schedule and participate in joint training exercises at mutually agreed upon times and locations in order to ensure that optimum performance levels are maintained. It is expected that at least two joint training sessions be held annually. One session shall be held in the City of Paso Robles and one shall be held in the City of Atascadero.

Termination

Either party may elect to terminate this agreement, with or without cause, by providing 30 days written notice.

Agreement Signatures

Kurt Stone, Fire Chief
Atascadero City Fire Department

Date: _____

Ken Johnson, Chief
Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services

Date: _____

**OPERATIONAL PLAN
OF AUTOMATIC RESPONSE AND USE BETWEEN**

**CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
PASO ROBLES DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

CDF/SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIRE

PURPOSE

This document is to serve as the Operational Plan to facilitate the Automatic Response Agreement between CDF/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department and City of El Paso de Robles Department of Emergency Services. This plan will include the following items:

- Jurisdictional Responsibility
- Areas of Response
- Communications/Dispatch
- Joint Training

JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Incident Commander in whose jurisdiction the incident occurs is in charge of providing direction to personnel and equipment provided through this agreement. The Incident Command Organization will be established by the first arriving unit. The organization should transfer to the responsible party as early as possible.

AREA OF RESPONSE

CDF will automatically respond 1 Air Attack, 3 Type III Engines, 1 Bulldozer, and 1 Chief Officer to wildland fires for CITY Response Areas R-14, R-14A, and R-8, as shown on the attached map.

CITY will automatically respond 1 Type II Engine, to structural, wildland, vehicle fires and medical emergencies within the CDF/County Response Areas of R-9, R-10, R-13, R-15, and T-1 as shown on the attached map. CITY will automatically respond 1 Type II Engine to structural, wildland, and vehicle fires only to R-7 and R-13A, (NO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES).

CDF will automatically respond 1 Type II Engine, to structural, vehicle fires, and medical emergencies within the CITY for CITY Response Areas R-8 and R-14A. CDF will automatically respond 1 Type II Engine, to structural fires within the CITY for CITY Response Area R-14 as shown on the attached map.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH

Command Net for CITY incidents will be CITY FIRE NET, with TAC Channel being WHITE 2.

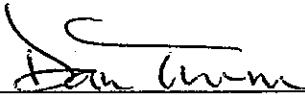
Command Net for CDF/COUNTY FIRE will be SLU LOCAL with TAC Channel being WHITE 2.

AGENCY	PRI CMD	TONE	SEC CMD	TONE	PRI TAC	SEC TAC
CITY	155.115 RX 153.815 TX	82.5 82.5	154.235 RX 150.805 TX	82.5 82.5	154.280 RX 154.280 TX	154.295 RX 154.295 TX
CDF/ COUNTY	151.325 RX 151.315 TX	123.0 123.0	154.385 RX 154.385 TX	82.5 82.5	154.280 RX 154.280 TX	154.295 RX 154.295 TX

JOINT TRAINING

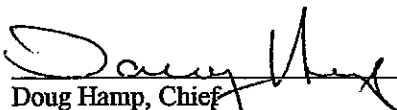
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AGREEMENT SIGNATURES



Dan Turner, Chief
CDF/San Luis Obispo County Fire

Date: 1/31/00



Doug Hamp, Chief
City of El Paso de Robles
Department of Emergency Services

Date: 1-31-00