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November 18, 2020

Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Holmen Area Fire Department (HAFD) and the City of La Crosse Fire Department (LCFD) regarding an Automatic-Mutual-Aid Agreement (Auto-Aid) for fire and emergency response.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the HAFD and the LCFD currently operate as part of established regional La Crosse County Mutual-Aid Agreement and statewide Mutual Aid Box Alarm System agreement; and

WHEREAS, the established mutual-aid agreements provide mutual-aid response as mutually beneficial, no-cost option to support safer emergency services response capacity between neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the HAFD and the LCFD have a common goal of collaboration with regional mutual-aid partners to mutually support enhanced and coordinated fire and emergency responses in their respective service coverage areas; and

WHEREAS, national statistics have proven an increased value to pre-planned auto-aid protocols versus manually selective mutual-aid protocols; and

WHEREAS, the HAFD and the LCFD are mutually interested in developing an auto-aid agreement for improved fire and emergency response dispatching for both communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE AND THE HOLMEN AREA FIRE ASSOCIATION BOARD that both counsels hereby approve the following as be agreed upon by the Fire Chiefs of the La Crosse Fire Department and the Holmen Area Fire Department:

1. The fire departments will develop dispatching and response procedures that specifically define incident notification indicators that would trigger an auto-aid dispatch.
2. The fire departments will collaborate with the La Crosse County Emergency Dispatch Center to develop the fire and emergency response dispatching guidelines for the Auto-Aid dispatch between the two communities.
3. The fire departments will work collaboratively to develop training programs that support a coordinated emergency response to support this Auto-Aid Agreement.
4. Both Departments will track Auto-Aid impacts and successes quarterly and report ongoing progress to all communities involved annually.
5. Either fire department may terminate this Agreement at any time for convenience upon the occurrence of a 30-day "Notice of Termination" in writing.

IN WITNESS, the Parties to this Agreement have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed by duly authorized representatives of the City of La Crosse and the Holmen Area Fire Association Board.

Holmen Area Fire District

By: [Signature]
Steven Michaels, Board Chair

By: Wm. "Buck" Manley
Wm. "Buck" Manley, Fire Chief

By: Stan Hauser
Stan Hauser, Board Secretary

City of La Crosse

By: [Signature]
Timothy Kabat, Mayor

By: [Signature]
Ken Gilliam, Fire Chief

By: [Signature]
Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
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Subscribed and sworn before me
this 8 day of December 2020

Mary Grinchant
Notary Public, State of WI
My Commission: 6-28-2022

Subscribed and sworn before me
this 15th day of January, 2021 ^{sc}

Sondra Craig
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: 11/11/2021

