



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Sheriff's Office



Date: April 12, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 21, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: Agreement with the Belmont Fire Protection District

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Belmont Fire Protection District for the provision of a Countywide Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$1,753,174.

BACKGROUND:

The Belmont Fire Protection District (formally South County Fire, then Belmont-San Carlos Fire) has provided Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Response to the cities and unincorporated County areas since 1984. All Belmont firefighters have been trained to the level of Technician/Specialist beginning in the early 1990's. This model for Hazmat Response has been very successful in San Mateo County and the team has proved that it is ready to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This Hazmat program is provided by agreement between the Belmont Fire Protection District and the County of San Mateo (including the 20 cities in the County that, along with the County, form the Emergency Services Council). This is a fee for service program and the current agreement is due to expire on June 30, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

The Emergency Services Council (ESC) and the Belmont Fire Protection District have approved the agreement and budget. The new agreement continues to ensure the highest level and stability of services from July 1, 2016 and concluding June 30, 2019, and incorporates the same elements as the previous agreement with the Hazardous Materials Team.

These services include bringing the Belmont Fire Protection District into the annual ESC budget approval process for the establishment of their annual budget, ensuring high-

level participation in the Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security activities and council meetings.

Trained firefighters from the Belmont Fire Protection District Hazmat Team work in coordination with an on-call team of Hazmat Specialists from County Environmental Health, who provide scientific analysis, determination of the hazardous materials, and appropriate safety and mitigation measures. Contract management responsibilities are centralized under the Sheriff's Office Homeland Security Division's Office of Emergency Services to ensure ongoing two-way communication and prompt resolution of any emergent issues.

The new agreement was approved by the County Emergency Services Council on April 21, 2016, and was also approved by the Belmont Fire Protection District on April 14, 2016. It is now being brought to this Board for final execution.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by the cooperation of agencies within the County to respond to hazardous material events and to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of San Mateo County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Respond within one hour to an event	100	100

FISCAL IMPACT:

The agreement is for a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. This agreement provides reimbursement to Belmont Fire Protection District in the amount of \$556,112 for FY 2016-17; \$583,928 for FY 2017-18; and \$613,124 for FY 2018-19. The new agreement is included in the FY 2016-17 Countywide Emergency Services budget, reviewed by the Emergency Services Council and pending approval by your Board in the FY 2016-17 recommended budget. There is no additional new County Cost associated with the approval of this agreement.