



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting February 11, 2025

DATE: February 11, 2025

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<p>Mutual Aid Agreement with the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Fire Departments and Emergency Service Districts located in Nueces County for Firefighting Assistance</p>
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CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the execution of a 10-year Mutual Aid Agreement for firefighting assistance with the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Fire Departments and Emergency Service Districts located in Nueces County including Corpus Christi Fire Department, Robstown Fire Department, Port Aransas Fire Department, Nueces County Emergency Services District #1, Nueces County Emergency Services District #2, Nueces County Emergency Services District #3, Nueces County Emergency Services District #4, and Nueces County Emergency Services District #5.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Fire Departments and Emergency Service Districts located in Nueces County for firefighting assistance. The Fire Departments include Corpus Christi Fire Department, Robstown Fire Department, Port Aransas Fire Department, Nueces County Emergency Services District #1, Nueces County Emergency Services District #2, Nueces County Emergency Services District #3, Nueces County Emergency Services District #4, and Nueces County Emergency Services District #5.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This Mutual Aid Agreement is entered into by and between the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Fire Departments, and Emergency Service Districts located within Nueces County for emergency response assistance.

Mutual Aid Agreements have been in place for over a decade amongst the parties involved. The most recent Mutual Aid Agreement was executed in 2015 and was for a ten-year term. The purpose of this item is to execute a new 10-year Mutual Aid Agreement with the same parties involved in the previous Mutual Aid Agreement.

The agencies involved seek to augment emergency response capabilities available in their respective jurisdictions by entering into this agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, it is

not mandatory for an agency to send resources outside of their jurisdiction if resources are not available or if it could jeopardize the agency's ability to provide protection within their own respective jurisdictions. As part of this agreement, the approval for City resources to respond outside of Corpus Christi's city limits for a mutual aid request is under the authority of the Fire Chief or designee.

Mutual aid is a vital component of firefighting and emergency response. It refers to the practice of sharing resources and personnel between different fire departments and emergency services organizations to respond to a large and complex incident or incidents that strain the resources of a given agency.

This agreement shall remain effective for 10 years or until cancelled by mutual agreement of the Parties, or upon the provision of at least 60 days advance written notice from the Party desiring to terminate this Agreement to the other Party.

This Mutual Aid Agreement is between the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Fire Departments and Emergency Service Districts located in Nueces County for Fire Fighting Assistance. The Fire Departments include Corpus Christi Fire Department, Robstown Fire Department, Port Aransas Fire Department, Nueces County Emergency Services District #1, Nueces County Emergency Services District #2, Nueces County Emergency Services District #3, Nueces County Emergency Services District #4, and Nueces County Emergency Services District #5.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the agreement not be approved, the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi would not be able to respond to emergencies outside of the Naval Base and the Corpus Christi Fire Department would not be able to respond to the Naval Air Station. As a result, the Corpus Christi Fire Department and the Nueces County Emergency Service Districts would be forced to revert to the state statute that covers fire agencies for mutual aid and therefore not have specific language which benefits all agencies involved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no regular financial impact. CCFD's uniformed personnel on duty will render the mutual aid services when called and if they are available to respond. Reimbursement for assistance will not be sought except in the event of lost or damaged equipment, extended operational periods and/or if substantial amounts of supplies are expended and other significant costs are incurred which is outside of the normal operating budget of the agency. Should reimbursement be pursued, departments will provide documented proof of expenditures which are beyond the means of the agencies' normal operating budgets.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	N/A
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Department:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	N/A
Amount:	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution to execute a 10-year Mutual Aid Agreement with the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Fire Departments and Emergency Service Districts located in Nueces County for Fire Fighting Assistance, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution

Mutual Aid Agreement