



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: October 1, 2024**

**DATE:** September 19, 2024  
**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department for automatic and mutual aid for fire and emergency services within designated districts as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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**SUMMARY**

This item is for the possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department for automatic and mutual aid for fire and emergency services within designated districts as outlined in the MOU.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

October 18, 2016, The Board of Fire Commissioners approved a Cooperative Agreement and corresponding Annual Operating Plan between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and City of Reno Fire Department for automatic and mutual aid.

July 6, 2021, The Board of Fire Commissioners retroactively approved the renewal of a three-year Cooperative Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and City of Reno Fire Department for automatic and mutual aid effective July 1, 2021

**BACKGROUND**

The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department have a Cooperative Agreement and Annual Operating plan specific to mutual aid for structure and brush fire responses. These agreements were effective in 2016 and 2021 and are currently in the process of renewal.

Regional fire service agencies throughout Northern Nevada utilize mutual and automatic aid to improve service delivery to the region.

This MOU expands on the current Annual Operating Plan. The changes will allow for dispatching the closest firefighting resource as automatic aid for all incidents regardless of jurisdiction within the preselected response areas outlined in the MOU. The MOU will be limited to a 90-day trial period; After the trial period, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department will complete a review to determine the viability of incorporating these changes and additions formally within the Annual Operating Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There would be no cost impacts related to operational periods and time thresholds (incidents exceeding operational periods). All costs, if any will remain within the approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the approval of an MOU between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department for automatic and mutual aid for fire and emergency services within designated districts, as outlined in the MOU.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

If the Board agrees with the Staff's recommendation, a possible motion to staff could be:

*"I move to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department for automatic and mutual aid for fire and emergency services within designated districts as outlined in the MOU."*