


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

NEEDS: To provide a six month progress report on emergency responses under the automatic aid agreement with the City of Atascadero.

- FACTS:**
1. On February 3, 2004, the City Council executed an automatic aid agreement with the City of Atascadero for specific fire resources.
 2. Responses by the Emergency Services Department to Atascadero were estimated to be between six and twelve per year under the new agreement.
 3. The City Council desired a report of actual calls in the first six months of the agreement.
 4. In the period February 3 through July 20, Paso Robles responded to Atascadero on three occasions. Paso Robles received assistance from Atascadero on one occasion during that same period.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

Under the agreement executed on February 3, the City of Atascadero Fire Department was to provide 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 was to receive the following resource:

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

Emergency Services' assistance to Atascadero was automatically summoned on three occasions. Two of these were sizable fires where the crews were immediately put to work. The remaining call was a small fire where no outside assistance was needed and therefore cancelled en route.

Paso Robles had a single call falling under the guidelines for requesting automatic assistance. This was found to be a very, very small grass fire. Incoming Atascadero and County Fire units were cancelled prior to their arrival.

Actual experience falls within the previously established activity estimate. The impact is manageable and provides the advantage of several minutes where additional resources are required.

**POLICY
REFERENCE:** None

**FISCAL
IMPACT:** None.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Receive and file.
 - 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: _____