



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2024-0177

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
DATE: March 21, 2024
SUBJECT: Renewal of the Amended OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT

REQUEST:

The Rochester Hills Fire Department is requesting City Council to approve a resolution renewing membership in the OAKWAY Mutual Aid Pact.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Rochester Hills and the Rochester Hills Fire Department joined OAKWAY on March 1, 2019. The Rochester Hills Fire Department is requesting to continue its membership of the OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT. The mission of OAKWAY (made up of the following communities: Birmingham, Bloomfield Twp., Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Independence Township, Madison Heights, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield, Waterford Township and West Bloomfield Township) is to provide immediate aid and support to member departments when they are met with large-scale emergency or High Risk/Low Frequency Events that overwhelm their resources. This is achieved through thorough training and preparedness combined with a prompt response and a positive caring attitude toward all in need. Members of OAKWAY also maintain special operations/hazardous material equipment as a group. Therefore, one (1) agency alone would not be required to foot the costs of such an endeavor which is rarely utilized, but extremely necessary. OAKWAY is a unique organization in that every participant agency has adopted the same PACT with their counterpart OAKWAY agencies. OAKWAY agencies, regardless of their geopolitical origin, are able to work together seamlessly on any emergency scene. OAKWAY agencies are activated for response through pre-designed “run” cards each participating agency designs and tailors to meet their local risk need. OAKWAY also provides mutual aid station coverage to an overwhelmed community when their Fire/EMS resources are committed to a large-scale incident for an extended period. Cost for annual membership is \$6,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Amended Interlocal Agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and Fire Department Administration requests that City Council renews our membership into the Amended Interlocal Agreement with the OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT beginning April 8, 2024.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A