



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 17, 2014

To: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

From: Mike Hein, Director
Office of Emergency Management

Via: Jan Lesher, Deputy County Administrator
Medical and Health Services

Re: **Board of Supervisors Meeting, January 6, 2015**
Emergency Response by Hazardous Materials Team

Municipal fire departments and fire districts within Pima County had previously entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to provide a countywide "all hazard" mutual aid response for all types of emergency incidents, whether natural or man-made. The IGA was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2004 and expired on October 19, 2014.

This summer, OEM notified the Pima County Fire Chiefs Association of the approaching expiration of the IGA. The Chiefs of the involved departments decided to revisit the overall relationship and directed their attorneys to incorporate revisions. The result is the document before you.

The Drexel Heights Fire District, Golder Ranch Fire District, Green Valley Fire District, Picture Rocks Fire District, Avra Valley Fire District, Northwest Fire/Rescue District, Rincon Valley Fire District, the City of Tucson Fire Department and the Pima County Office of Emergency Management have agreed to continue to participate in a hazardous materials response program. Due to extended contract language reviews and approvals by all parties, OEM was not able to process the IGA for Board of Supervisors approval until the January 6, 2015 meeting.

Hazardous materials incidents, along with related fires or other emergency occurrences, may result in situations that are beyond the ability of an individual party to deal with effectively in terms of personnel, equipment and material resources at a given time. The purpose of this IGA is to continue to support the Pima Regional Hazardous Material Response Team. The Intergovernmental Agreement allows each Party to provide services in a manner which is efficient and in the best interest of each party and better safeguard the lives and property of communities in Pima County.

There will be no financial impact to the County and there will be no compensation for any Mutual Aid response provided pursuant to this IGA.

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the IGA for hazardous materials response program with the above mentioned fire departments/districts. If not approved, the residents of Pima County would be at risk in the event of a major hazardous materials incident, natural or human caused disaster or other significant event that affects the safety and welfare of the general public if there is not a hazardous materials response team available.

Approved by:


C. H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

12/22/14

Date