

Mt. Lemmon Water District
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ADDENDUM MATERIAL

DATE 5-4-21

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am requesting the Board of Supervisors support the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to provide increased funding for the Mt. Lemmon Fire District (MLFD) for the next five years.

Mount Lemmon is a travel destination for the Tucson community, Pima County residents and persons beyond Southern Arizona. With over 1,000,000 visitors from all over the United States and the world, the demand to provide emergency services and medical attention increases every year. Auto and motorcycle traffic along with hikers, bicycle riders, picnickers, and fires such as the Bighorn Fire of 2020, result in additional, frequent 911 calls. Most incidents are serious, and some fatalities occur. These situations create the needed direct response from our emergency services. The additional time required by emergency teams from Tucson would be prohibitive without our continued ability to perform this service. Over 90% of the calls for MLFD personnel come from visitors, not residents, and this has created an unsustainable burden on our Fire District.

Mt. Lemmon Fire District emergency services are critical for continued Public Safety. We need additional funding through the IGA to provide the services these visitors need when they come to Mt. Lemmon.

Please help address our community's serious financial circumstances.

Sincerely,

Michael Stanley
Mt. Lemmon Water District
Manager

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