


REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 2/22/2016
Item No.: 14.a

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Consider Approval for Joint Powers Agreement Between the Cities of Saint Paul, Little Canada, Maplewood, Falcon Heights, North Saint Paul, Lauderdale, White Bear Lake, New Brighton, Lake Johanna Fire Department, and the City of Roseville, for Automatic Dispatch of the Closest Emergency Unit

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 In 2014 the Ramsey County Fire Chiefs Association started a committee to research and evaluate the
3 opportunity for increased Shared Services and a component of Closest Unit Dispatching amongst fire
4 departments in Ramsey County. The Roseville Fire Department took an active role in the committee to
5 assist with evaluating and vetting future opportunities.

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7 The concept behind Closest Unit Dispatching will be advanced and faster response times to our most
8 critical calls: structure fires and cardiac arrests. It is hoped with a decreased response time for
9 emergency personnel to these critical call types, the opportunity to provide for life-saving maneuvers is
10 increased.

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12 The Fire Department will provide a presentation and further insight into how the program will
13 potentially look, as well as the critical benefits to the citizens of Roseville as well as neighboring
14 communities throughout Ramsey County from this partnership.

15 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

16 The financial impact of this agreement will be related to use of apparatus and personnel for response to
17 emergencies as outlined in the JPA and presentation. As this program is new and untested it is not
18 possible at this time to place a cost on this program.

19 Fire Administration is committed to continual evaluation of all aspects of the program and will provide
20 regular updates to council on outcomes, including costs.

21 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

22 Staff recommends Council approve the Fire Department entering into a Joint Powers Agreement
23 between the Cities of Saint Paul, Little Canada, Maplewood, Falcon Heights, North Saint Paul,
24 Lauderdale, White Bear Lake, New Brighton, Lake Johanna Fire Department, and the City of Roseville,
25 for Automatic Dispatch of the Closest Emergency Unit.

27 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

28 Authorize the Fire Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement between the Cities of Saint Paul,
29 Little Canada, Maplewood, Falcon Heights, North Saint Paul, Lauderdale, White Bear Lake, New
30 Brighton, Lake Johanna Fire Department, and the City of Roseville, for Automatic Dispatch of the
31 Closest Emergency Unit.

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Attachments: A: Presentation

Shared Services- Closest Unit Dispatching

Roseville City Council
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Overview

- A committee made up of staff from fire agencies in Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center.
- Establishing a **customer-first** based program utilizing existing technology through the dispatch center.
 - Critical call focused.
 - One of the few programs of this nature in the country.



Where are we at?

- A completed JPA development process.
- Several fire departments have completed the JPA review and signing process.
- Currently finalizing response plans and unit types with Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center and the committee.



The Known & Unknown

- Frequency of calls
 - Costs
- Call types
 - Structure Fires
 - Cardiac Arrests
 - Project Lifesaver a new addition
- Our response
 - Process of Roseville Fire's response



Timeline & Next Step Recommendations

- Agreement amongst municipalities
 - March 1
- CAD Updates, Edits, and Training in Dispatch
 - Spring and Summer 2016
- Implementation of a Shared Services- Closest Unit Dispatch Program.
 - 12-18 month trial period to evaluate the program (October 1, 2017).

END

- Questions?

