

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LITTLETON FIRE RESCUE, SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY, AND THE WEST DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is made effective this ____ day of _____, 2014, by and between Littleton Fire Rescue (“LFR”), the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority (“SMFRA”), and the West Douglas County Fire Protection District (“WDCFPD”), in order to better serve their respective communities by providing a joint response to the Back Country Joint Response Area (“BCJRA”).

Intent

The intent of this MOU is to achieve an organized and efficient wildfire response to an initially unknown location to prevent the inherent confusion with two dispatch centers and three agencies trying to manage the same incident.

Response Criteria

LFR, SMFRA, and WDCFPD will respond first-due to all smoke investigations or small and large brush fire incidents originating from within the BCJRA (see Appendices A and B). Wildland interface fires, medical and other types of incidents will be handled by the appropriate agency based on the incident location. The first agency to locate the incident will provide updated information and mitigate the situation. Once the location of the fire is determined, the agency having jurisdiction manages the incident or enters into unified command if warranted. If more resources are needed, they will be requested through the Metropolitan Area Communications Center (MetCom). The jurisdiction that is hosting the incident should have the responsibility of making other required notifications (i.e. Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA), investigators, appropriate administrative staff, Wildland Team, Centennial Water, Douglas County Emergency Management, Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), etc.).

The Incident Dispatch Team (IDT) from MetCom and Littleton Fire Rescue Communication Center (LFRCC) may respond to the incident for larger calls, this can be automatic or with the incident command’s request.

Communications Protocols

Dispatch services shall be provided through MetCom for the agencies operating in accordance with this MOU. Upon notification of an emergency incident all units dispatched will report and communicate on the assigned MetCom channel.

This MOU creates no binding obligation upon any agency to fund, support, or provide any sort of financial assistance in complying with the terms of this MOU. The parties do not intend to create a multiple year fiscal obligation for any party by virtue of this MOU. The parties

acknowledge that any future monetary obligations of any party are subject to sufficient appropriations by each party and such appropriations are not guaranteed to be made.

Review and Amendment

LFR, SMFRA, and WDCFPD will meet annually, either in person or electronically, to review and evaluate the continued effectiveness of this MOU. This MOU may be altered, changed, amended, and/or modified at any time upon request of any party and upon a showing of good cause. Should any alterations, modifications, amendments, or changes be made to this MOU, they shall be reduced to writing and signed by the parties below.

Governing Law

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with all the laws of the State of Colorado. Any party may terminate its participation in this MOU with thirty (30) days prior notice, in writing, to the other parties, either with or without cause.

Endorsement

By their signature below, the following parties indicate agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. The parties do not intend to create any obligations or contract, express or implied, other than those specified within this MOU.

By: _____
Phil Cernanec, Mayor, City of Littleton, on behalf of Littleton Fire Rescue

By: _____
_____, South Metro Fire Rescue Authority

By: _____
_____, West Douglas County Fire Protection District