

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
3.11
(ID # 7401)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Direct the Executive Office and the Fire Department to Amend the Firefighter Installation on Riverside County Engines (FIRE) Policy of Municipal Staffing; All districts; [0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office and the Fire Department to draft and return for approval a revision to the Fire Policy that ensures all Riverside County Engine Companies have as a minimum three-person municipal staffing.

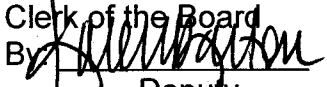
ACTION: Policy

Jeff Van Wageningen, Assistant CEO / Public Safety 6/20/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Ashley
Date: June 26, 2018
xc: EO, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	18/19

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The County Fire Department is an integrated, cooperative, regional fire protection system that provides fire, EMS, technical rescue and hazardous materials response to residents in the unincorporated area and in twenty (20) partner fire cities and one community services district. The County of Riverside contracts for emergency response from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), to serve as the Riverside County Fire Department.

The contractual relationship between Riverside County and Cal Fire dates back to 1921. The first contracts were only to augment the level of wild land fire protection provided by the State. The agreement, as we know it today, began in 1946 with the appointment of a County Fire Warden. Today, the County Fire Department is a well-integrated system (County, partner cities & State) that provides municipal fire protection, advanced life support (paramedic) service, technical rescue and hazardous materials response all from 92 regional fire stations. Under the agreement, CALFIRE provides wildland fire protection with 16 State wildland (Type 3) fire engines working out of 11 fire stations. The contract still provides Riverside County a very important public safety program.

On January 24, 2012, item #3.5, the Board of Supervisors approved a Firefighter Installation on Riverside County Engines (FIRE) Policy. This policy ensures that all Riverside County Engine Companies have as a minimum, a three-person municipal staffing team. This team consists of one (1) Fire Captain, one (1) Fire Apparatus Engineer, and one (1) Firefighter. Included within one of these descriptions will be an EMT to paramedic as well.

On June 11, 2018, the Board of Supervisors held FY 18/19 Budget Hearings. At that time, direction was given to the Executive Office to return to the Board with recommendations on how to realize savings. The Executive Office is recommending to review and revise the FIRE Policy and identify opportunities within specific areas of the County to utilize a variation of staffing models and/or allow the Fire Chief to adjust the staffing as appropriate. The expectation is for the Executive Office and the Fire Department to work together on evaluating the staffing options with the goal of amending this policy to allow for different options to our current municipal staffing models.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

Reconfiguration of the staffing mix on fire engines in the appropriate settings and situations could result in greater efficiency and allow for additional assets to be in service in the county when necessary.

Additional Fiscal Information

The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. There is a potential for savings depending on the staffing models outlined in the amended policy.


Lisa D. Brandl 6/21/2018