



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [6/4/2018]
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [N/A]

Date: Friday, June 01, 2018
To: Gary Edwards, City Manager
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Agenda Item #:

Title: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Aransas Pass Police Department and the Ingleside Police Department for dispatch services.

CAPTION:

Consider and act on approving an MOU between the Aransas Pass Police Department and the Ingleside Police Department for temporary, emergency dispatch services.

PURPOSE:

Dispatch employment numbers in Ingleside PD have fallen to critically low numbers. Should they become unable to provide emergency communication services for their City, Aransas Pass PD will pick up the task until their numbers level off.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Interim Police Chief Robert Luna reached out to me for assistance in the event he loses all his staff within his communications division. In that instance, Ingleside PD would not be able to answer 911 calls, dispatch police or other emergency services, or respond to outside police agency requests for warrant/stolen article confirmations.

I made the executive decision on May 25, 2018 to enter an emergency MOU with Chief Luna to get the ball rolling. We had to send off a request to the State to have state and national crime computer services rerouted and make adjustments to the 911 call routing

protocols. We did so immediately because Chief Luna expected require our support at any moment. Fortunately, his remaining staff adapted and temporary services were not immediately required.

Now, Chief Luna feels he has coverage through the month of June. However, that could change with little to no advanced notice.

On 5/30/2018, Chief Luna signed an updated MOU which was approved by his City Council the evening prior. The updated MOU is part of his agenda item for Aransas Pass Council consideration and approval.

As part of the terms of both MOU's, Ingleside PD agrees to pay for any service charges related to staffing that the Aransas Pass PD may incur while providing this support.

ALTERNATIVES:

Terminate the emergency MOU and decline the modified MOU with Ingleside PD.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Requires council approval for a memorandum of understanding.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police Department – department receiving loaned items and utilizing same.

Legal – Review of the MOU terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Emergency MOU.pdf

Updated MOU.pdf