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Dear Members of the Life Safety Council,

The Town of Carefree (the "Town") respectfully requests inclusion into the Automatic Aid System. The Town is in agreement with the stated Automatic Aid purpose "to provide a highly efficient, effective and mutually beneficial relationship among multiple regional jurisdictions to provide for the overall public safety of the region" that, "will allow for an automatic response of the closest, most appropriate fire department/district resources".

Background

The Town of Carefree is located approximately 15 miles north of the 101 loop and is surrounded by the Town of Cave Creek to the west, the City of Scottsdale to the south and east and unincorporated lands to the north. Carefree is approximately 8.5 square miles with a population of approximately 3,700.

In 2005, Carefree funded and constructed an award winning fire station designed by architect Larry Enyart. The Town purchased and fully equipped it's apparatus to comply with National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") standards. Additionally, the Town fully furnished this state of the art station which includes a fully furnished fitness facility, Emergency Operation Center, 3 bays, treatment room, training/continual education room and office space for Battalion Chief. Personnel from the City of Scottsdale Fire Department recently toured this facility to validate compliance to NFPA requirements.

This station is located central to Carefree and along an arterial street, Tom Darlington Drive. This central location provides access to the majority of Carefree in less than four minutes. Additionally, downtown Cave Creek and numerous master planned communities within north Scottsdale can be provided service from the Carefree Fire Station under the four minute time parameter and therefore, as per the stated purpose of Automatic Aid, provide for a "highly efficient, effective and a mutually beneficial relationship" with adjacent/nearby Automatic Aid partners.

Carefree's Commitment and Request

Pursuant to Article 2 of the Automatic Aid Eligibility Standards and Requirements, the Town is committed to comply with all capital requirements including but not limited to any necessary technology upgrades, become a member of the Phoenix Fire Regional Dispatch System, comply with all command procedures and Incident Management and required training and staffing levels. Similar to the recent agreement between the Town of Cave Creek and Daisy Mountain Fire District, the Town of Carefree respectfully requests sending all existing contracted fire fighters based within the Carefree fire station to a similar hybrid training to comply with Phoenix Fire Department's Standard Operating Procedures and Incident Management.

The Town of Carefree looks forward to the opportunity of becoming an automatic aid partner and further enhancing this regional approach to fire and emergency services. Please advise of the next steps to be considered for inclusion into the regional consortium.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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