



December 27, 2021

Town Administrator Neiss

This letter serves as acknowledgement of receipt of your October 15, 2021 letter to the Executive Central Arizona Life Safety Council requesting inclusion in the "Automatic Aid System".

As is the standard practice for the Executive Life Safety Council, each request for inclusion in the Automatic Aid system by a jurisdiction that is currently not a participant, or request by an existing participant to expand their jurisdictional boundaries greater than five square miles, is reviewed and considered on its merits. Each proposal is assessed against the required standards and criteria for participation in the system, as outlined in the current Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid agreement. Additionally, each request is considered from the overall impact, both positive and negative, that inclusion could have on the existing service delivery capacity of the system.

While your letter did identify a fire station that was funded and constructed in 2005 by the Town of Carefree, you did not include any emergency response capabilities that the Town of Carefree currently has or is proposing to be included into the Automatic Aid system. Additionally, you did not provide any quantitative data that demonstrates that the current service level capacity within the Town of Carefree adequately meets the NFPA 1710 standards. Therefore, it was not possible to perform a comprehensive analysis of your request

While we were unable to complete an analysis of your request, based on our knowledge of the current services that are serving the Town of Carefree, it would not appear that the Town meets the established criteria for inclusion in the Automatic Aid system. Those criteria include, but are not limited to the following key requirements that all participants must meet prior to inclusion:

Item 2.2 (A) - **Communications and Dispatch**. All Participants must be part of the Phoenix Fire Regional Dispatch System or the Mesa Fire Regional Dispatch System. All Participants must also be a member of either the Phoenix Regional Wireless Cooperative ("PRWC") or the Topaz Regional Wireless Cooperative ("TRWC"). Departments/Districts that enter the system that are not members of PRWC or TRWC shall have an active plan to become members within one (1) year of entry. For a Participant(s) that does not meet this requirement, any Party can request a vote of the Central Life Safety Response System Council for a determination as to whether the

Participant(s) not meeting this requirement will remain eligible for automatic aid response, or if that Participant(s) will then default to a mutual aid response. These Regional Dispatch Systems will use a Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") system that automatically selects the closest, most appropriate Participants' unit(s) for dispatch. The CAD system shall be a centralized, totally integrated unit dispatch/status keeping system.

Item 2.2 (H) - **Staffing Levels.** Full staffing as described in NFPA 1710 on engines and ladders provides the most efficient and effective personnel safety and service delivery to the public. System Participants recognize the importance of service delivery and personnel safety issues. The minimum daily staffing level for all engines and ladders shall be four (4) members which is "full staffing" under NFPA 1710.

Item 2.2 (I) - **Minimum Firefighter Training Standards.** To ensure safety, baseline knowledge and a consistent approach to performing tactical operations, all participants agree to require that all emergency response employees receive initial firefighter recruit training through a recognized regional fire training academy or through an alternative method, as approved by the Life Safety Council, which meets the published curriculum. The four-currently recognized regional fire training academies are Phoenix, Mesa, Glendale, and Chandler.

Based on these factors, your request for inclusion in the Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid system has been denied.

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