



April 8, 2021

Fire Chief Brian Gilbert  
Rural Metro Fire  
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Chief Gilbert,

In response to your request, dated March 1, 2021 that Rural Metro Fire be added to the Automatic Aid System, the Executive Central Life Safety Council considered your application at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2021.

The Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid System exists to provide a highly efficient, effective and mutually beneficial relationship among participating jurisdictions to provide for the overall public safety of the region. To accomplish this goal, multiple criteria have been established to be a participant in the system. While you referenced many of these criteria in your submittal, you did not provide any evidence that Rural Metro has met or was able to meet the identified criteria. Additionally, your submittal did not demonstrate how the inclusion of Rural Metro would enhance the current system and add further value.

Based on these factors, the Executive Life Safety Council has denied your request to be a participant in the Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid System.

Sincerely,

  
Kara Falkbrenner, Fire Chief  
Phoenix Fire Department

  
Mary Gameli, Fire Chief  
Mesa Fire and Medical Department



March 1, 2021

To: Central Arizona Life Safety Council

Request to join the Central Arizona Life Safety Council and Automatic Aid System

On behalf of Rural Metro Fire, I am formally requesting that our Central AZ Fire Operation be added to the Automatic Aid System through the Phoenix Fire and Mesa Fire Regional Dispatch System. After 73 years of fire service in Arizona, I believe we can benefit Mr. and Mrs. Smith from the areas we serve and borders we share today.

In the Central AZ Fire Operation, we have 200 firefighters operating out of 13 fire stations throughout Maricopa and Pinal County. We have 12 chiefs (Battalion, District, etc.) that operate throughout the valley and are intertwined in each area. I am confident we have the foundation to be a contributing partner to the automatic aid system throughout Central Arizona.

I understand there are requirements to join the automatic aid system. I acknowledge these requirements from, Automatic Aid requirements in Article 1.1, 1.2, Article 2, 2.2, 2.2 A, 2.2 A (1), 2.2 C, 2.2 E, 2.2 H, 2.2 I, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, Article 3.1 and commit to these requirements.

I recognize adding the entire Rural Metro Fire Operation to the automatic aid system at once could be a concern to the entire system. For this reason, I am offering that if approved to join the automatic aid system, that we look at each area specifically and join each area as agreed upon by the Central Arizona Life Safety Council members.

Sincerely,

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