

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
October 20, 2011**

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement with Central Yavapai Fire District for SWAT Paramedics

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Candi McElhane, Administrative Assistant for Chief of Police, Bill Fessler

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for CYFD SWAT Paramedics

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: An IGA has been finalized with the Central Yavapai Fire District. This IGA will allow the Prescott Valley Police Department (PVPD) to utilize up to three of Central Yavapai Fire District's (CYFD) paramedics as SWAT medics for our SWAT team.

The medics are trained in a basic law enforcement academy (NARTA) where they receive their certification as a Peace Officer. They receive additional training with our SWAT team. The medic performs a dual role as a tactical operator on the team in addition to paramedic duties. The medic is immediately available to deliver advanced emergency care to injured officers, suspects, innocent victims and bystanders. The advantage is that medical care is provided almost immediately.

Nick Fournier, a certified Reserve Officer with the PVPD and a CYFD paramedic/firefighter, is a member of our SWAT team awaiting the approval of this IGA to start operating in the field. In practice, he will be part of our team on entry so he is where he is needed if medical assistance is needed.

A good example of an incident where a SWAT medic would be useful is the 1997 North Hollywood bank shootout in Los Angeles. One of the suspects was shot several times in the lower extremities and died due to loss of blood. Had a SWAT medic been on scene, the medic would have been able to provide immediate medical attention. This would also possibly have prevented a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles because medical personnel are unable to enter "hot zones" until they are rendered safe. Closer to home, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has utilized SWAT medics on their team, and one of their Sergeants, who was shot 17 times, received immediate attention due to their presence.

It is the Police Department's belief that this IGA will provide our personnel, suspects and victims with life saving medical attention in situations where our personnel, suspects and victims would otherwise have a delay in medical attention.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: None; for discussion only.

ACTION OPTION: None; for discussion only.

RECOMMENDATION: None; for discussion only.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: None; for discussion only

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____