



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-312

Agenda Date: April 18, 2024

Department: Gainesville Fire Rescue

Title: 2024-312 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to approve the City entering into a statewide mutual aid agreement in order to receive or deploy mutual aid to other jurisdictions.

Fiscal Note: There is no cost or financial obligation for signing this agreement. Costs may be incurred when an agency requests and receives mutual aid support.

Explanation: The City of Gainesville became a signatory to the original Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement dated April 27, 1994, in May 1996. The City of Gainesville signed the 2018 version of the agreement on October 14th, 2019. This agreement enables jurisdictions to request or receive mutual aid and to deploy as mutual aid support to other jurisdictions.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has completed the agreement updates and is requesting jurisdictions sign the 2023 version of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☐ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the 2023 updated Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of Florida, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.