

Contract Amendment for the Fire Protection Agreement with Fire Chief Solutions for Titus County

SUMMARY

The original contract with Fire Chief Solutions to establish a fire department for Titus County to ensure Fire Protection for the county was placed on hold due to the political environment changing for Mt Pleasant. Fire Chief Solutions was asked to vet the desire of candidates seeking office as well as candidates currently in office as to the authenticity of the desire to negotiate a fire protection agreement in good faith. Fire Chief Solutions determined that there in fact was an authentic opportunity to negotiate a favorable contract for fire protection between the City of Mt Pleasant and the County of Titus. Fire Chief Solutions then shifted our focus to negotiate a favorable contract with the City of Mt. Pleasant. This resulted in a successful contract being drafted and ratified by both parties. This changes the mission of the contract between Fire Chief Solutions and Titus County and is the reason for this amendment. Fire Chief Solutions will do the following to close out the Fire Protection Agreement between Fire Chief Solutions and Titus County.

ACTIONS TO COMPLETE

- Select a Records Management System (RMS) to ensure that the Volunteer Fire Departments (VDF) can record all calls for service. The County will purchase computers for each VFD, and they will receive training from the vendor on the use of this software. The RMS is vital to collect necessary data for eligibility for future grant funding as well as monitoring the use of the services of Mt Pleasant Fire Department. This will be of importance in future contract negotiations. The data derived will indicate how often the county VFD's access the services of the Mt Pleasant Fire Department for Automatic Aid versus Mutual Aid. The contract in place is an Automatic Aid contract and thus reflects payment for that service. There is not customarily a charge for Mutual Aid.
- Provide Titus County with a training plan to address some of the most important needs of the VFD's and give the county a plan to address needed skills to help them become more efficient at responding to and mitigating fire incidents in the county. This is a plan, and the actual instruction may be accessed by many vendors and will be up to the county to determine scheduling to ensure that the training can be completed throughout the year. Included in the plan will be county participation in the Fire Wise Program. The Fire Wise Program will help to mitigate the Wildland/Urban interface that is present throughout the county and reduce the need for resource in wildland fires. The Titus County EMC will work

with the Texas A&M Forest Service to administer this Fire Wise Program. The Titus County EMC will also facilitate the scheduling of the training and participation by the volunteer fire departments.

- Fire Chief Solutions will assess and determine the best places to distribute the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus that have been purchased and received by the county. Fire Chief Solutions will seek to distribute these county assets in a manner that best protects the county. This will increase the county's ability to make entrance into structure fires to facilitate rescue operations and fire suppression.
- Fire Chief Solutions will also determine the best place to place the rescue tools (Jaws of Life) that have been received by the county. This asset is invaluable in rescue operations on motor vehicle collisions and will be available for use to calls county wide.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

There is \$21,000 in outstanding payments due to Fire Chief Solutions. Fire Chief Solutions requests the county release these funds in exchange for the above-mentioned services.

CONCLUSIONS


The Fire Protection Agreement between Titus County and the City of Mt Pleasant is in the best interest of both entities currently. This enables both entities to look at fire protection in a more wholistic fashion. Fire Chief Solutions was integral in the process and is proud of Titus Counties steadfastness in pursuit of the best Fire Protection at the best cost for the citizens of Titus County. The future is not secure and there is much to still do and Fire Chief Solutions remains ready and uniquely qualified to help with any need that may arise.

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Fire Chief Solutions CEO/Owner

Gregg Loyd

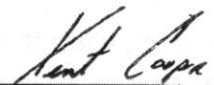
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County Judge

Kent Cooper

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