



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Fire and Emergency Medical Services Ad Hoc Committee

**Meeting Date:** August 16, 2016

**Department Contact:** Chair Gjerde

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**Department Contact:** Supervisor Hamburg

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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 Mins

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Allocation Formula for Fire Departments; and Assigning of Ongoing Work with Fire Departments to One of the Board of Supervisors Standing Committees (Sponsors: Supervisor Gjerde and Supervisor Hamburg - Fire and EMS Ad Hoc Committee)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Authorize County staff to execute agreements with the fire departments, and then distribute funds to the departments, as identified in the FY 2016-17 County Budget. The allocation formula provides funding to the 22 departments recognized as providing primary fire service by the Local Agency Formation Commission, unless any of the departments fail to fulfill the terms of the agreements or County Counsel determines any of the departments are ineligible for these funds. Further, the Board assigns its ongoing work with the fire departments to a newly named Public Safety Committee.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On November 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisors Dan Hamburg and Dan Gjerde to serve on an ad hoc committee to work with fire departments to identify funding strategies for fire and emergency services. On May 3, the board voted 5-0 to adopt one of the ad hoc committee's recommendations, which was to designate in the County budget an amount of Community Service Area #3 funds to fire departments, as well as a portion of Proposition 172 sales tax. Those actions were further ratified by the Board of Supervisors with the adoption of the FY 2016-17 County Budget.

**Summary of Request:**

As a follow-up to the Board's budget actions, the Fire and Emergency Services Ad Hoc committee has continued to meet with representatives of Fire Departments serving Mendocino County, and the committee is requesting the Board of Supervisors authorize the Executive Office to execute agreements with the fire departments, and then distribute funds to the departments, as identified in the FY 2016-17 County Budget. Each fire department will need to provide an annual signed agreement approved by their board to utilize the funds for the purpose of local fire protection services. The allocation formula provides funding to the 22 departments recognized as providing primary fire service by the Local Agency Formation Commission, unless any of the departments fail to fulfill the terms of the agreements or the County Counsel determines any of the departments are ineligible for these funds. The allocation formula will be subject to an annual review at the

time of County Budget considerations.

For funding details to each department, see the attached spreadsheet dated May 19, prepared by the Fire District Association. Additionally, information is attached as requested by the Board, on insurance options for Mendocino County's fire districts.

Further, the Ad Hoc Committee asks that the full Board assign the ongoing topic of working with the fire departments to one of the Board's standing committees. The assignment could go to the General Government Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee or to the Criminal Justice Committee, although the board may want to re-name it the Public Safety Committee.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide alternative direction.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:**

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** Yes

**Current F/Y Cost:**

**Annual Recurring Cost:** see attached

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Alan D. Flora, Assistant CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**Comments:**