

Office of the Fire Chief

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: C. Russell Shelley, Fire Chief
Date: March 12, 2018
Subject: Resolution to be covered under Tarrant County's Emergency Operations Plan

City Council Action Requested:

Consider a resolution with Tarrant County to be covered under the Tarrant County Emergency Operations Plan.

Background Information:

The City of Richland Hills Fire Department has previously maintained a free-standing Emergency Operations Plan as required by the state of Texas Department of Emergency Management. This plan is very lengthy, and the updating process is cumbersome and demanding for an organization with limited resources. Tarrant County offers any jurisdiction within the County the option of being covered under the umbrella of their plan. This opportunity meets state requirements for plan management and reduces the plan maintenance process considerably. Entering into this agreement will give staff an added efficiency and allow more time to complete other related projects.

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

There is no cost associated with this resolution and agreement.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 494-18
JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN
INTER-JURISDICTIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills and Tarrant County have established similar programs of comprehensive emergency management which includes the mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery phases of emergency management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills and Tarrant County find that vulnerability to many potential hazards is shared by residents of the City of Richland Hills and the unincorporated portions of Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, the City and County further finds that the common goal of emergency management can best be achieved through an organization which shares the combined resources of the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, the contemplated action is specifically authorized by the aforementioned Ordinance and Court Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Richland Hills, Texas that;

SECTION 1. The Mayor of Richland Hills shall appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate all aspects of the city comprehensive emergency management program and the Tarrant County Judge shall appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate all aspects of the County comprehensive emergency management program.

SECTION 2. The program includes the preparation and maintenance of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management plan for the City of Richland Hills and Tarrant County in accordance with this resolution.

SECTION 3. Any party to this agreement may withdraw from the combined organization created by this resolution and its related inter-jurisdictional emergency management plan by giving 60 days advance notice in writing to each of the signatories of this resolution and by submitting the appropriate documentation to the State of Texas, Texas Division of Emergency Management.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 12th day of March 2018.

CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS

TARRANT COUNTY

Mayor Bill Agan

B. Glen Whitley, County Judge

Date : _____

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