



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Tracy Jackson

**Department:** Regional Emerg Svcs & Comm **Division:** Office of Regional Comm & Tech

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE** County Administrator to negotiate and execute with municipalities and Broward Sheriff's Office an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Special Operations Response through Automatic Aid and Closest Unit Response in substantially the form attached as Exhibit 1, subject to review by the Office of the County Attorney as to legal sufficiency, to facilitate closest unit response; and to authorize the County Administrator to approve any modifications and execute any amendments thereto in order to permit the parties to provide services and facilities in a manner consistent with the geographic, economic, demographic, and other factors influencing the applicable communities, provided there is no material increase in the financial or operational responsibilities of County.

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Board approval is required to delegate authority to the County Administrator to negotiate and execute Automatic Aid Agreements.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Creates a framework for Automatic Aid and Closest Unit Response for Fire Rescue Agencies.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

None.

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

In 2002, Broward County voters amended the Charter to require the County, in cooperation with municipalities, to establish a countywide communications infrastructure for fire rescue services and provide funding for the communications infrastructure. One of the objectives of this Charter provision is to facilitate the establishment of a countywide Closest Unit Response capability.

In 2012, the Broward County Board of County Commissioner directed County Administration to develop an implementation plan for cooperative consolidated dispatch with the goals of improved service and safety for residents, the establishment of consistent performance metrics, the elimination of delays in the transfer of emergency calls, the employment of the best technology available to expedite emergency response and the facilitation of closest unit response.

Through continued collaborative efforts with the Fire Chief's Association of Broward County, the Interlocal Agreement (Exhibit 1) creates the framework for closest unit response for Fire Rescue Agencies.

This item, if approved, would authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute the referenced Interlocal Agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit 1, as well as any amendments thereto, provided there is no material increase in the financial or operational responsibility of County.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

No Fiscal Impact