



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kevin Richardson, Fire Chief

Date: April 9, 2024

Reference: Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Coppell and the Denton County Fire Marshal's Office for the purpose of providing arson detection, investigative, and prosecutorial services; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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Introduction:

The agenda item is to adopt an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Coppell and the Denton County Fire Marshal's Office for the purpose of providing arson detection, investigative, and prosecutorial capabilities to each other as the need arises.

Background:

There is a need for investigative and prosecutorial cooperation in suspected arson cases in Denton County. The City of Coppell's Fire Department and Denton County Fire Marshal's Office have determined that the best method for investigating the fire and arson problem within Denton County is an agreement establishing such cooperation by way of a Task Force. This Agreement would provide investigative and prosecutorial cooperation in connection with fire and arson cases and authorize them to perform the services contemplated herein. The Denton County Fire Marshal will be the coordinator of the Fire and Arson Task Force created by this Agreement, and the Denton County Fire Marshal's Office will be the central repository of the Parties' executed counterparts of this Agreement.

Benefit to the Community:

When requested by one party to this Agreement, another party to this Agreement may provide available members of its arson investigative unit to investigate and perform follow through prosecution duties regarding fires of suspicious origin or unknown causes within the requesting jurisdiction.

Legal Review:

This agenda item and documents was reviewed and approved by Coppell Legal Counsel

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact of this agenda item at this time.

Recommendation:

The Fire Department recommends approval of this item.