

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 10, 2026
SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to renew an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office for fire and explosion investigations.
PRESENTER: Jase Smith, Assistant Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

Authorize the City Manager to renew an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office for fire and explosion investigations. Execution of this agreement continues a partnership that allows participating agencies to provide mutual assistance in the investigation of fires, explosions, and suspected arson incidents.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tarrant County Arson Task Force is a regional partnership coordinated by the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office that brings together certified fire investigators, fire marshals, law enforcement agencies, and other public safety partners from jurisdictions throughout Tarrant County. The Task Force provides participating agencies with specialized personnel, investigative expertise, equipment, and technical resources to assist with complex fire, explosion, and arson investigations as needed.

The Task Force is activated at the request of a participating agency when an incident requires additional investigative resources beyond those available locally. In addition to providing operational assistance, the Task Force promotes standardized investigative practices, interagency coordination, and ongoing professional training for fire investigators throughout the county.

By continuing to participate in the Tarrant County Arson Task Force, the city maintains access to a network of experienced investigators and specialized resources that enhance its ability to effectively investigate significant fire and explosion incidents while strengthening regional partnerships and public safety capabilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to renew an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office for fire and explosion investigations.