

Council Business Meeting

July 20, 2021

Agenda Item	Approval of Two Contracts with Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon	
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SUMMARY

Staff is seeking approval of two contracts with Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO). One contract for the police department (APD) and one for the fire department (AF&R).

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

2019-2021 City Council Goals:

- A. Prioritize Essential Services
 - h. Fire
 - i. Police

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

These two contracts represent the latest in a long partnership that best serves the departments and community.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prior to 2003, the City of Ashland maintained an in-house 911 dispatch center. Since 2003, the City has contracted with an outside agency to provide consolidated dispatch services. At first the City contracted with the City of Medford. In approximately 2009, Medford dispatch operations combined with the County's dispatch operations and together they became Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO). All 911 calls in Jackson County go to ECSO, and all emergency services (except for Oregon State Police) are dispatched by ECSO. Having one regional dispatch center, as we have with ECSO, represents the most cost effective and efficient way to handle emergency and first responder communications.

The APD as well as AF&R, contract with ECSO for emergency dispatch services. There is no viable option other than ECSO available to fulfill this role currently. The language of the contract for 2021-2022 remains the same. Staff is seeking Council's approval of an amendment for both the police department and the fire department contracts with ECSO. The approval of this amendment extends the City's contracts with ECSO through June 30, 2022.

Previous user fees for police and fire combined:

FY21	\$668,749.71
FY20	\$668,749.71
FY19	\$649,271.56
FY18	\$630,360.74
FY17	\$607,635.19

FISCAL IMPACTS

The contract between the police department and ECSO will cost the city \$477,425.49 and is budgeted for in the upcoming budget. The contract between the fire department and ECSO will cost the city \$211,386.71 and is budgeted for in the upcoming budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize execution of the contracts.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to approve execution and approval of the amendments between ECSO and the police and fire departments.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Amendment to contract between ECSO and the Ashland Police Department

Attachment 2: Amendment to contract between ECSO and Ashland Fire and Rescue

Attachment 3: User Fee Schedule

Amendment No. 3 to
ECSO User Agreement

This AMENDMENT No. 3 to the ECSO User Agreement dated October 18, 2018 (the "contract") between Ashland Police Department ("Agency") and Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon ("ECSO") is effective July 1, 2021.

AMENDMENT

1. Defined terms used but not defined in this Amendment are as defined in the Contract.
2. Exhibit "C" of the Contract is hereby deleted and replaced by Exhibit C attached hereto.

Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Contract remain in full force and effect.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
OF SOUTHERN OREGON:

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

By: Margie Moulin

By: _____

Date 6/22/2021

Title: Director

Title: _____

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
OF SOUTHERN OREGON:

ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

By: Margie Moulton

By: _____

Date 6/22/2021

Title: Director

Title: _____

Exhibit C

FY 2021-2022 User Rates

Agency	Rates
BLM	\$ 7,117.00
Butte Falls Fire	\$ 3,549.17
Butte Falls Police	\$ 7,117.00
Crater Lake National Park	\$ 14,765.23
Greensprings Fire	\$ 7,117.00
Jackson County Airport	\$ 14,765.23
Jackson County Roads and Parks	\$ 7,117.00
Jackson County Services	\$ 7,117.00
Jackson County Community Justice	\$ 7,117.00
Lake Creek Rural Fire	\$ 7,117.00
ODF	\$ 7,117.00
BLM - Law	\$ 7,117.00
Prospect Fire	\$ 7,117.00
SOU	\$ 14,765.23
US Forest Service	\$ 7,117.00
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Ashland Fire	\$ 211,386.71
Ashland Police	\$ 477,425.49
Central Point Police	\$ 295,568.73
Eagle Point Police	\$ 153,435.23
Evans Valley Fire #6	\$ 24,520.21
Jackson County Sheriff	\$ 1,401,103.72
Jacksonville Fire	\$ 29,703.32
Jacksonville Police	\$ 69,684.21
JCFD #1	\$ 70,484.64
JCFD #3	\$ 434,480.77
JCFD #4	\$ 48,982.63
JCFD #5	\$ 164,987.67
JCFD #9	\$ 49,068.55
Medford Fire	\$ 718,112.90
Medford Police	\$ 1,484,727.27
Phoenix Police	\$ 75,837.21
Rogue River Police	\$ 38,288.03
Talent Police	\$ 92,807.40