City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew J. Fertal

From: David R. Barlag

Dept:

City Manager

Dept: Fire

Subject: METRO FIRE AUTHORITY (FIRE DISPATCH)

BOARD CHANGE AUTHORIZATION

Date: November 13, 2012

OBJECTIVE

To request the Garden Grove City Council to change Garden Grove's representatives on the Metro Cities Fire Authority Board from Dave Bertka (primary), and Charles Kalil (alternate), to the "Fire Chief" (primary), and the "Information Technology Director" (alternate.)

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove and the partner cities (Anaheim, Brea, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Orange), have operated a shared fire communications dispatch center for several years that is located in Anaheim. This has been an efficient and cost effective method to provide emergency fire dispatch services to the eight partner cities.

DISCUSSION

By changing out the current board member's names, Dave Bertka, with the title "Fire Chief," and likewise, Charles Kalil with the title "IT Director;" upon replacement of either of these positions, whether it be due to separation, or change of job, the successors to the Fire Chief and Information Technology Director will automatically serve as the primary and alternate Board members, in the absence of other direction from the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There is no financial impact to this change.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Garden Grove City Council:

Designate the "Fire Chief" as the primary member, and the "Information Technology Director" as alternate member to the Metro Cities Fire Authority Board.

DAVID R. BARLAG

Fire Chief

Recommended for Approval

City Manager