



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0405

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Bill Cooke, Deputy Chief

DATE: September 28, 2026

SUBJECT: MI-MABAS Interlocal Agreement

REQUEST:

The Rochester Hills Fire Department requests City Council approval of the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) Interlocal Agreement. Effective upon signing, this agreement updates and supersedes prior mutual aid agreements, establishing standardized operational procedures, governance, and resource-sharing protocols for emergency response services across participating jurisdictions.

BACKGROUND:

MI-MABAS is a statewide mutual aid association established pursuant to the Michigan Urban Cooperation Act of 1967 (1967 PA 7, MCL 124.501 et seq.). It provides a prearranged, systematic plan for communities to share fire protection, suppression, rescue, emergency medical, and technical response capabilities during emergencies, disasters, or severe threats to public safety. Governance is maintained by an Executive Board composed of representatives from regional operational Divisions.

The purpose of this agreement is an acknowledgement that in certain situations such as natural disasters and man-made catastrophes, no community possesses all of the necessary resources to cope with every possible emergency, disaster or serious threat to public safety. Efficient response can be best achieved by leveraging resources from other neighboring communities. The amended agreement updates administrative bylaws, establishes clear deployment guidelines for routine mutual aid and Special Operations Teams (e.g., Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, and Incident Management Teams) and verbiage for reimbursement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) Agreement.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☒ Yes ☐ N/A