

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
JULY 16, 2013 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
PRESENTATION — FIRE/EMS SERVICE DELIVERY RECOMMENDATION	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	BRENDA S. GUNN CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**SYNOPSIS**

In December 2012 staff presented the Mayor and City Council with options for the future delivery of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. One of the options was to combine fire & EMS with another jurisdiction and at that time preliminary discussions had been held with the City of Papillion. Council directed staff to work with Papillion officials to further develop the concept in order to provide additional detail necessary for Council to make an informed decision.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

While no action is necessary at this time, any feedback regarding the recommended direction would be requested.

**BACKGROUND**

For the past 50 years the men and women of the La Vista Volunteer Fire Department have dedicated thousands of hours a year in service to our residents. The level of service and care they have provided has been and continues to be a valuable resource for La Vista's citizens.

Over the last 10 years, La Vista's population has increased 45 percent and calls for fire and EMS service have increased by 153 percent. In contrast, during this same period of time, despite an emphasis on recruitment efforts, the number of volunteers has not increased proportionally.

In light of those statistics and in an effort to be proactive in planning for future needs staff has examined and reported on multiple options for providing fire and EMS to the community including:

- The formation of a full-time La Vista fire department.
- Providing compensation for the volunteers.
- Entering into a contract with an outside company for EMS services.
- Joining with another entity to provide fire and EMS services.

Because of a great working relationship with the City of Papillion and their commitment to providing high quality fire and emergency medical services, the City of La Vista reached out to Papillion officials to discuss

collaborative possibilities. The two departments have a long history of working together as the result of mutual aid agreements, joint training and being part of the Sarpy County communication system.

Staff will provide the Mayor & Council with an overview of the combined fire & EMS recommendation and answer questions related to the recommendation to proceed with necessary actions in order to pursue the proposed opportunity.