



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, October 8, 2021

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) Update on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix for dispatch services provided by the Phoenix Fire Department Regional Dispatch System
- 3) Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month - October 2021



City Council Events Schedule

October 8, 2021 thru December 1, 2021

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Sat	Oct 9	10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Tempe Old Settlers Picnic Location: Arizona Community Church 9325 S. Rural Rd. Tempe, AZ
Thu	Oct 14	5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Mayor and City Council Training on Voting System Location: HARRY E. MITCHELL GOVERNMENT CENTER Tempe City Hall - City Council Chambers 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, Arizona
Fri	Oct 15	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Free Art Friday and Edna Arts 50th Birthday Party Location: Edna Vihel Arts Center 340 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 16	Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Tempe Neighborhoods Together Food Drive Location: Pyle Adult Recreation Center Parking Lot 655 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ
Wed	Oct 27	2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Autism Certification Media Event and Ribbon Cutting Location: Kiwanis Recreation Center and Fiesta Playground 6111 S. All-America Way Tempe, AZ
Sun	Oct 31	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Tales from Double Butte Cemetery Location: Double Butte Cemetery 2505 W. Broadway Rd. Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 3	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Featured Exhibit - Tempe 150: Milestones Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ

Fri	Nov 5	8:15 a.m. - Noon	Tempe Leadership Governance Day (Class 37) Location: TBD
Fri	Nov 5	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	"Legends" Gala Reception presented by Tempe History Society Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ
Sun	Nov 7	Noon - 6:00 p.m.	Tempe 150: A Sesquicentennial Celebration! (free community festival) Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 12	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Arizona State Women's Basketball vs. Minnesota Location: Desert Financial Arena 600 E. Veterans Way Tempe, AZ
Thu - Sat	Nov 18 - Nov 20	All Day	National League of Cities City Summit Location: Virtual
Fri	Nov 26	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Fantasy of Lights Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Location: 3rd St and Mill Ave Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 1	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tempe Sister Cities - Articles of Incorporation Celebration - 50+1 Anniversary Location: Hackett House 95 W. 4th Street Tempe, AZ

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Greg Ruiz, Fire Medical Rescue Chief
DATE: October 8, 2021
SUBJECT: Update on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix for dispatch services provided by the Phoenix Fire Department Regional Dispatch System



The City of Phoenix began dispatching calls for the City of Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department (TFMR) in March of 1982 with the implementation of the Computer Aided Dispatching System, and the Automatic Aid Consortium. Currently, with 22 participating jurisdictions, a large expanse of dispatch coverage is provided at a very high level of service. TFMR participates on the Phoenix Fire Regional Dispatch committee which meets monthly to discuss service delivery topics, and to review dispatch service costs.

Although the current intergovernmental agreement was renewed in June of 2019 and remains in effect through December of 2027, the City of Tempe Attorney's Office recommendation is to annually inform the Mayor and Council of the financial impact associated with the agreement in a Friday Information Packet memorandum.

The total amount payable to the City of Phoenix each fiscal year is based on per dispatch cost of service fees, asset maintenance fees, and network system fees. TFMR's total annual dispatch services cost for fiscal year 2021-22 is \$1,428,708; of which \$1,122,762 is paid from TFMR's General Fund budget, and \$305,946 is paid from the Emergency Medical Transportation enterprise fund (EMTF) budget. The General Fund portion is based strictly on costs associated with dispatching services for TFMR's all hazards fire apparatus, while the EMTF portion is based strictly on costs associated with dispatching services for all emergency transportation ambulances providing service in Tempe.

For fiscal year 2021-22 the per dispatch fee increased by \$3.91 or 16% for fire apparatus, and by \$1.63 or 9.5% for ambulance dispatches which resulted in a fiscal year increase of \$87,455 or 8% for the General Fund and \$20,326 or 7% for the EMTF. The City of Phoenix Fire Department provided a memorandum to Automatic Aid agencies explaining the reason for the dispatch fee increases is the addition of 18 new dispatchers to the Phoenix Regional Dispatch Center. The memo cited a 40% increase in calls for service over a ten-year period causing an increase in workload, and indicated the new positions are critical to maintaining call processing times and excellent customer service for the communities served.

Although the entire ambulance share of the annual cost for Phoenix dispatch is appropriated and paid from the EMTF, the City's private sector ambulance contractor reimburses the EMTF on a pro rata basis for its two out of the six ambulances providing service to Tempe. As the City places additional ambulances into service, its share of the annual dispatch services fee will increase accordingly.

MEMORANDUM



TO: City of Tempe Mayor and Council

THROUGH: Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director

FROM: Tempe Family Justice Commission

DATE: October 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – October 2021

Because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Tempe Family Justice Commission is providing this memorandum to the City Council and Mayor as part of its responsibility to advise on domestic violence issues.

The Family Justice Commission includes members with backgrounds in social services, law enforcement, education, child welfare, law, health care, and private citizens who care about the issues that the Commission was created to address.

Family Advocacy Center

To begin, the Commission commends the Mayor and Council for the approval of funding a Family Advocacy Center in Tempe. The Center will provide a safe place for domestic violence victims and others to receive the type of trauma-informed care that they need. An important component of the Center is the collaboration with ASU, which will help ensure that it serves the entire Tempe community. The Commission views the approval of the Family Advocacy Center as a major step forward for Tempe.

Domestic Violence Under Arizona Law

Unfortunately, for many, the most dangerous place to be is at home. And people who pose the biggest threat to their safety are household members and family.

By state law (A.R.S. [13-3601](#)), domestic violence is a crime defined in part by the relationship of the people involved. It also covers a wide range of crimes – assault, crimes involving sexual conduct, economic, emotional and psychological abuse, property damage and other misconduct are all considered domestic violence depending on the relationship of the people involved.

Relationships covered by domestic violence include those who are or were married, people who are related, people who currently or previously lived together, people who have a child together, and people who are or were previously intimate partners.

Tempe Context

The COVID pandemic resulted in an increase in domestic violence reports, and the numbers have not declined.

In 2020 there were:

- 237 reports of Aggravated Assault/DV which include strangulation, use of a deadly instrument and serious physical injury reported.
 - 310 individuals were victimized.
 - 135 suspects were arrested.
- 1,250 reports for Misdemeanor Assault/DV.
 - 1,465 total victims.
 - 628 suspects arrested.

There had been a steady increase from 2016 to 2019 in both areas and the biggest increase was seen in 2019 through 2020.

So far in 2021:

- Domestic violence assaults and aggravated assaults are increasing.
- 124 reports of Aggravated Assault/DV reports.
 - 152 victims.
 - 66 suspects arrested.
- There have been 641 Assault/DV reports.
 - 773 victims.
 - 334 suspects arrested.

Tempe is fortunate to have Care 7, the City's crisis response program, which provides victim assistance and trauma healing services. Care 7 coordinates with first responders to do everything possible to provide trauma informed services to victims as quickly as possible.

The Tempe Police Department Domestic Violence Unit also works closely with Care 7 to maintain constant communication with victims throughout their investigations to help provide the appropriate resources and prevent further victimization. The Domestic Violence Unit is comprised of 5 detectives that work both day and evening shifts to better serve the victims of Domestic Violence.

Outreach, Education and Healing

Victims of domestic violence too often suffer silently. Numerous factors contribute to this silent suffering and not reporting crimes or seeking help. Many of these factors are based in fear, fear of an abuser's retaliation, fear of being blamed for the violence or not believed, fear of losing the main source of financial support to an arrest. A victim may also feel ashamed, crazy, hopeless, or alone, or as happens, there are victims who do not know that they are victims. These barriers can make it difficult to report or to reach out for help.

Outreach to help victims feel safe reporting crimes of domestic violence and services to help them recover from the trauma and rebuild their lives are all part of helping victims of domestic violence. Offender treatment is also important to help prevent future incidents. Education about healthy relationships helps prevent problems from occurring and can help victims recognize when they are in an abusive situation.

This important work is also done by Care 7.

Recommendations

The Mayor and Council are encouraged to:

- (1) Advocate for victims of domestic violence in the month of October and all year long by considering lighting city hall purple, posting recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month on City websites and social media, encouraging people to wear purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month;
- (2) Continue to support the Family Advocacy Center so that Tempe has a safe place that provides comprehensive services to victims of crime;
- (3) Continue to support Care 7's victims services and the Tempe Police Department as they support victims of domestic violence.

The Commission is completing its strategic planning process that began in August 2021 to identify ways Tempe can continue to promote access to justice and safety for victims of domestic violence. Additional recommendations for the future will be developed through that process and further reports will be made to Mayor and Council.

Family Justice Commission

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Resources

Other Arizona groups working on domestic violence issues include:

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence – www.acesdv.org.

Governor's Office of Youth Faith & Family – www.goyff.az.gov.

National resources include:

National Network to End Domestic Violence – www.nnedv.org

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women – www.justice.gov/ovw/domestic-violence

National Institute of Justice – <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/overview-intimate-partner-violence>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office on Women's Health -- www.womenshealth.gov/relationships-and-safety/domestic-violence

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 1800 799-SAFE (7233)