



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Charles Hood, Fire Chief

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FY 2023 Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the City of San Antonio to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of the Airforce 502D Air Base Wing Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) to provide 911 Emergency Medical Services to JBSA-Ft. Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis for a one-year in the amount of \$1,532,651 with four year renewals. This ordinance also authorizes nine additional uniform positions to the San Antonio Fire Department (eight fire engineers and one lieutenant) and appropriates \$447,023 in FY 2023 for the costs associated with providing services to JBSA for the period of June 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Approximately 2 years ago, JBSA approached the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) to begin conversations about a potential partnership opportunity to provide 911 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to include ground transport services, Advanced Life Support (ALS), 24/7 service for patients requiring emergency transportation from Joint Base San Antonio Camp Bullis (JBSA-B) and Joint Base San Antonio Ft. Sam Houston (JBSA-FSH) to hospitals.

After multiple discussions between SAFD and JBSA, an agreement was for SAFD provide 911 services to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

JBSA estimates 1000 emergency calls per year where SAFD will triage, treat and transport patients. SAFD will coordinate with JBSA Fire Department and other on-base emergency response systems, communications, and security systems.

San Antonio is home to one of the largest concentrations of Military Bases in the United States and home to the Department of Defense's largest medical center at JBSA Ft. Sam Houston. This partnership further supports this military presence in San Antonio.

#### **ISSUE:**

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#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If the City does not approve the agreement COSA will lose the opportunity to partner with JBSA to provide emergency services.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the San Antonio Fire Department to enter into an agreement with the Department of the Airforce to provide 911 Emergency Medical Services to JBSA-Ft. Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis for a one-year contracted amount of \$1,532,651 from June 15, 2023 to June 14, 2024, with four one year renewals.

This ordinance also will authorize eight Fire Engineers and one Lieutenant and appropriate \$447,023 in FY 2023 for the costs related to providing services to JBSA between June 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.