

Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Adams County Communications Center Authority

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Strategic Focus on a safe,
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Member Agencies

Adams County Sheriff's Office
Brighton Police Department
Commerce City Police Department
Northglenn Police Department
Adams County Fire Rescue
Greater Brighton Fire Rescue
North Metro Fire Rescue
South Adams County Fire Rescue

Background

- ▶ ADCOM was formed by its contracting members in 1974
- ▶ The purpose of ADCOM is to provide emergency service reporting, dispatching, emergency services communication, and coordination
- ▶ Services are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days per week

ADCOM Legal Status

- ▶ ADCOM has a dual legal status as a governmental entity and a non-profit corporation
- ▶ The dual status is cumbersome to administer and creates confusion for third parties as to ADCOM's governmental status
- ▶ Reorganizing ADCOM as a statutory authority will clarify ADCOM's status as a political subdivision of the State of Colorado
- ▶ The issue of ADCOM's status has come up several times when negotiating contracts. ADCOM always wants to include a clause regarding its protections under governmental immunity and some vendors have questioned the legitimacy of such a clause.
- ▶ ADCOM will be able to realize the benefit of having the non-profit corporation restructured to support the authority through donations, grants and other fund raising as a section 501(c)(3) qualified tax-exempt organization.

Options for City Council Consideration

- ▶ Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement will facilitate ADCOM's transition to a statutory Authority and allow the City of Brighton and the Brighton Police Department to maintain membership in ADCOM.
- ▶ Rejection of the Intergovernmental Agreement may force the Brighton Police Department in to a much more costly option for dispatch and communication services.