

RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

(Approving Regional Dispatch Center)

WHEREAS, the Navajo County, the Northeastern Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (NAFCA), the Northeastern Arizona Police Association (NAPA), Summit Healthcare, and other private companies involved in public safety, have determined that there are serious shortcomings due to the number of dispatching agencies within the area; and

WHEREAS, representatives from these agencies have met on numerous occasions to discuss this issue and eventually created an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the group; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee finally approved a contract with IXP Corporation to complete Phase 1 (Assessment) of the Regional Dispatch Study at a cost of \$81,500; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 is solely designed to complete an assessment of the current emergency dispatch centers; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this assessment are:

- 1. to explore the opportunity to provide emergency communications and response; and
- 2. to examine the feasibility of creating a regional public safety communication centers; and
- 3. to identify methods to improve current levels and technologies in the event that a full regionalization is deemed to be unfeasible; and
- 4. to identify the most cost effective delivery of improved public safety communications serve possible; and

WHEREAS, the assumptions of this assessment are:

- 1. investigating possible cost savings is important if it can be achieved, but would not be the only driver in a thoughtful consolidation and/or regionalization analysis; and
- 2. service level improvements are essential if any level of consolidation and/or regionalization is to be considered and service level deterioration will not be viewed as favorable by the study participants; and

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- 3. the agencies are open to considering any all options, including no consolidation if the analysis is supportive; and
- WHEREAS, NAFCA and NAPA met with their constituent agencies and brought forward a "Commitment to Fund" document requesting one quarter of one percent of each agency's total budget for next year; and
- WHEREAS, this amount will fully fund Phase I, however, if Phase II does not proceed forward it may become necessary to request an additional amount not to exceed one quarter of one percent; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Police, Fire & Rescue, and EMS directors support the concept of a regional dispatch center and the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to support this proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the need to assess the concept of a regional dispatch center and hereby authorizes the Tribal Police, Fire & Rescue, and EMS directors to commit to funding a share of the cost to complete Phase I and possibly Phase II, if needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>AUGUST 4, 2011</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council