

## Fire, Emergency Medical and Rescue Response Reimbursement Agreement: Rural / Metro Fire Department

City Council Meeting  
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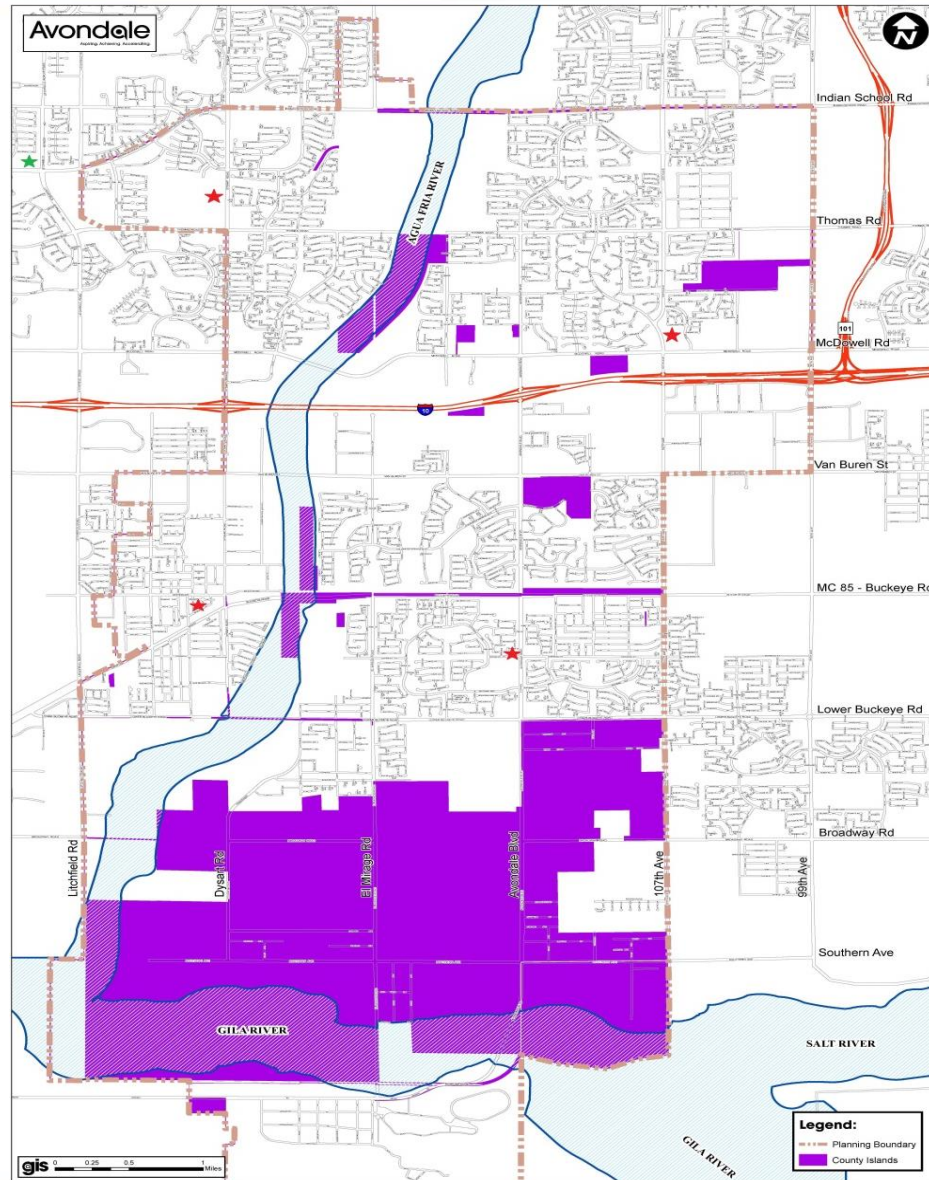
## Purpose

To request approval of an agreement with Rural/Metro Fire Department relating to fire, emergency medical and rescue response reimbursement in the unincorporated areas.



Within the 93 square mile Avondale Municipal Planning Area (MPA) there are approximately 48 square miles of unincorporated county area, mostly south of Lower Buckeye Road.

Fire and medical services to these areas are provided by Rural/Metro Corporation from a station located in Litchfield Park



County Island within City of Avondale



## Background

- County has no ability to provide fire services
- Provided by Rural / Metro Fire Department
  - Private For Profit
  - Contract, subscription or fee for service
  - Areas not covered by municipality or fire district
- Avondale Fire & Medical response
  - At the specific request of Rural/Metro
  - Average of 6 responses per month



## Background

- Reimbursement for response
  - Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 7)
  - No consistent process among valley departments
  - 2003 letter to Rural/Metro from City Manager Todd Hileman



## Desire for Standardization

- Agreement evaluation by Life Safety Council
- Peoria agreement utilized as a model to be used by all valley agencies
- Establishes basic response parameters
- Sets standard reimbursement rates (Appendix A)



## Discussion

Staff recommends approval of an agreement with Rural/Metro Fire Department relating to fire, emergency medical and rescue response reimbursement in the unincorporated areas.

