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Fire Service Transition SW 20th Avenue Area

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City/County Have an Interlocal Agreement for The Transition Of Services Upon An Annexation

- Made and entered into March 13, 2007
- Acknowledges the City and County responsibility for the provision of fire services within their jurisdictional boundaries
- Recognizes the need for the smooth an proper transition of services and capital projects between the City and County



Transition of Fire Services and Facilities

Ownership and Location or Transfer of Fire Rescue Stations and Employment of Fire Rescue Personnel:

- 1. In the event that a County fire rescue station is annexed by the City, the County may, at its discretion, continue to own and operate the station. The County may also elect to retain ownership, in whole or in part, of the station for emergency medical services or any other County purposes.
- Capital items assigned to the affected fire rescue station will remain County property.
- 3. If the City desires to own and/or operate the station, the City may negotiate an agreement with the County for the appropriate timing, terms, and conditions of the transfer and/or purchase of the station.



Transition of Other Services

 All County services have been transitioned to the City (except Fire Rescue first response)

Transfer Timeline

- Immediate: Law Enforcement
- Short Term: Building Permits, Codes, etc.
- Longer Term: Parks/Recreation and

Fire Rescue Services



GFR Currently Provides these Fire Rescue Services in annexed area

- Fire Inspections
- Fire investigations
- Public Education
- Multi-Unit Responses



Fire Services Assistance Agreement (FSAA)

- Automatic aid agreement between City of Gainesville and Alachua County.
- Defines the level of service to be provided.

Identifies the formula for payment.

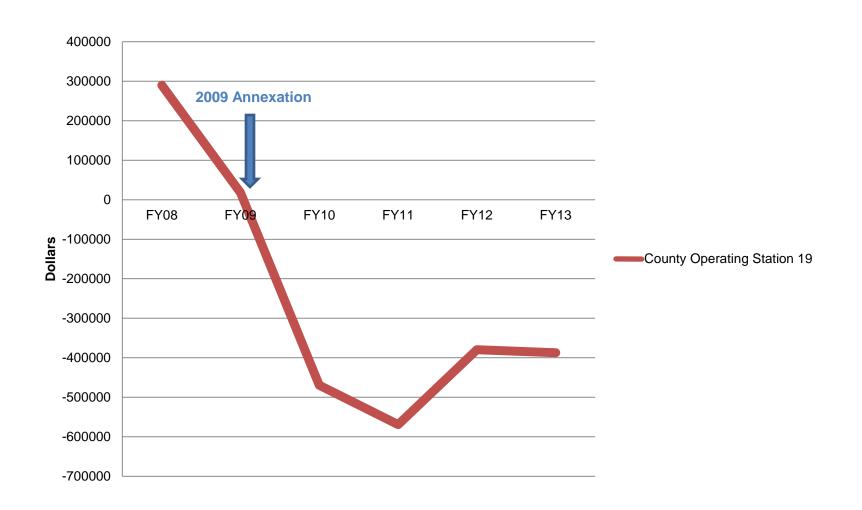


Trend Since 2009 Annexation

SW 20th Avenue Annexation (became) effective on June 1, 2009						
	ACFR into City	GFR into County	Net City Reimbursement	Net County Reimbursement		
FY 2008	2007	2425	\$289,759	-0-		
FY2009	2000	2022	\$17,557	-0-		
FY2010	2566	1959	-0-	\$469,538		
FY2011	2693	1906	-0-	\$568,938		
FY2012	2530	2012	-0-	\$379,780		
FY2013	2557	2075	-0-	\$387,460		



Net Reimbursement Trend



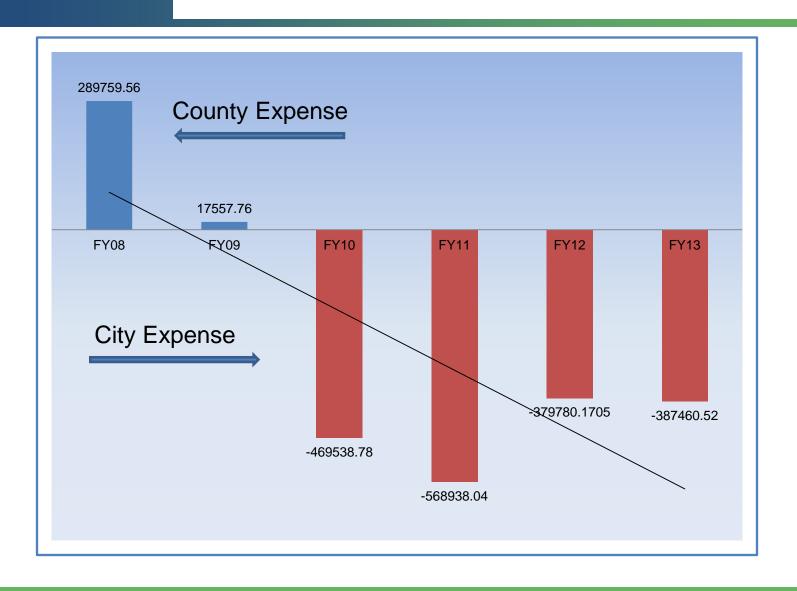


Station 19 Call Activity FY 2008 - 2013

Effect of SW 20th Avenue Annexation effective June 1, 2009		
	E19 Calls into County	E19 Calls into City
FY2008	1823	936
FY2009	1429	1108
FY2010	972	1444
FY2011	1045	1685
FY2012	1100	1604
FY2013	986	1625



System-wide Reimbursement





Discussions With Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR)

- Discussions were held between GFR Fire Chief Gene Prince and ACFR Fire Chief Ed Bailey during their regular monthly meetings.
- In March 2013, Chief Bailey informed Chief Prince that he had received direction not to enter into a Transition of Services agreement.
- The City began developing options for Commission Consideration.



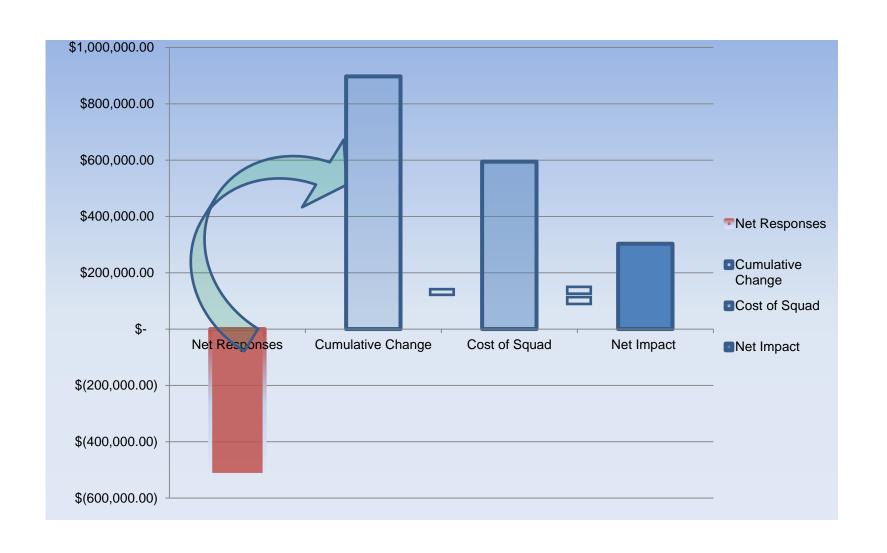
Final Transition – GFR Provide Fire/EMS

Station 19 Operated by City

FY2012	Current	Proposed- Option 1	County	City
ACFR into City	2530	926		
GFR into County	2012	3112		
Net ACFR into City	518			
Net GFR into County		2186		
Reimbursement Received			\$379,780	\$1,602,709
Payment			\$1,602,709	\$379,780
Est. Station Cost			\$1,038,983	\$1,038,983
Net Fiscal Impact			-\$943,506	\$943,506



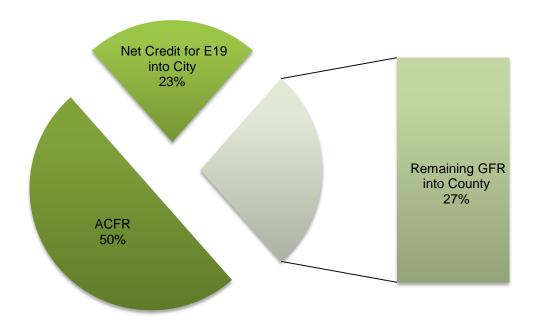
GFR providing EMS Response





ACFR not Charging for E19 into City

Inequity would exist, as GFR still responds into County



2012 Difference was 1086 responses or \$796,038



Transition of Services GFR provides EMS

- Place a two person Squad unit to cover EMS which is 77% of total responses and ACFR continue to provide fire and non-EMS service 23%.
- Squad staffed with available personnel and/or overtime.



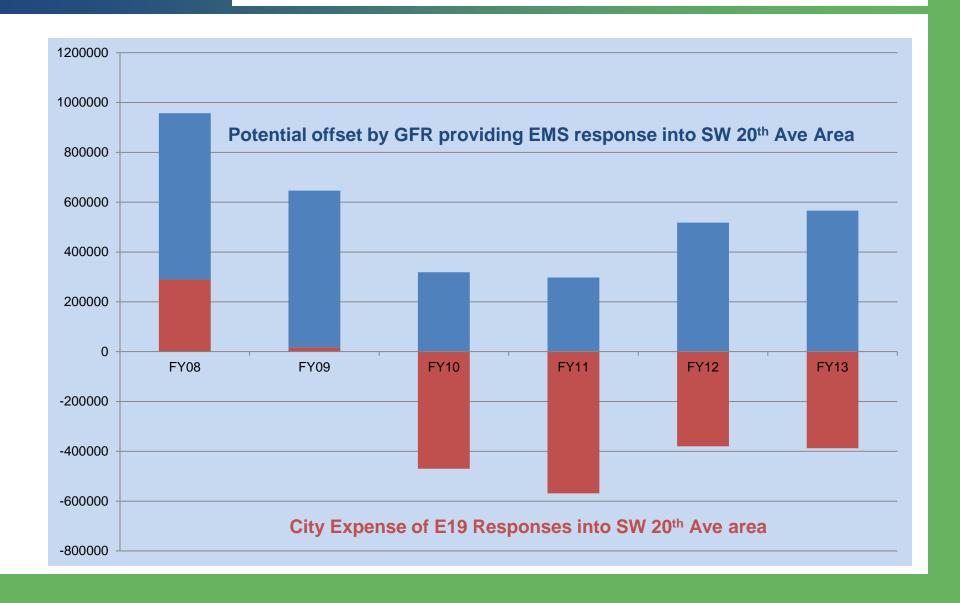
Transition of Services GFR provides EMS

Add City Squad to Run City EMS Calls in Station 19 Area

FY 2012	Current	GFR - EMS	County	City
City EMS Calls =1224				
ACFR into City	2530	1306		
GFR into County	2012	2012		
Net County Units into City	518			
Net City Units into County		706		
Reimbursement Received			\$379,780	\$517,618
Payment			\$517,618	\$379,780
Est. Cost of Squad				\$594,314
Net Fiscal Impact			\$-897,398	\$303,084



Transition of EMS Response





Recommendation

The City Commission:

- Receive a report from the City Manager and the Fire Chief for providing services in the SW 20th Avenue area; and
- 2. Request that the County Commission provide direction to County staff to finalize a plan for the transition of fire-rescue services with City staff by March 1, 2014.