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Adoption of Gainesville Fire Rescue Standards of Cover and Strategic Plan (B)

This item requests the City Commission adopt the 2017 Gainesville Fire Rescue Standards of Cover and Strategic Plan.

Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) became an accredited agency on March 11, 2014. The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) requires accredited fire rescue agencies to periodically submit their standards of cover (SOC) and strategic plans for adoption by their governing bodies. The Commission first adopted the GFR Strategic Plan and SOC on October 4th, 2012.

In 2016, GFR updated its 2015 Strategic Plan and prepared its fourth edition of the SOC. These two documents work together to establish service level objectives and future planning to meet the fire, medical, rescue, and special hazard risk needs of the community.

The updates incorporate the findings of a management study of station locations and staffing. The recommendations include items in the near and longer term and are used by GFR for department planning and request processes. The SOC and Strategic Plan do not bind or commit the City Commission to any implementation or expenditures. These documents are updated annually and are evolutionary. Changes in service demands or the impact of new initiatives can and will alter these plans over the years.

There is no fiscal impact from adoption of these documents.

The City Commission adopt the 2017 Gainesville Fire Rescue Standards of Cover and Strategic Plan.