

Exhibit A Cost Responsibility

The Agencies agree that each agency shall be responsible for its respective share of costs to operate on an annual basis, the Haz-Mat Team.

The Agencies, by this Agreement have agreed that on an annual basis the Haz-Mat Team should be funded \$85,531.71, which amount shall increase annually based on the movement of the unadjusted figures of the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) for all Urban Consumers. The amount listed above shall be changed in an amount equal to the percentage of movement for the twelve-month period ending on June 30th for each year this Agreement is effect. In no instance shall the annual increase exceed 5%. Alternatively, the Agencies may agree, in a writing signed by all Agencies, to a different annual increase amount.

The Agencies agree that their share of the annual cost share shall be based on the respective populations of each jurisdiction compared to the total overall population of all participating jurisdictions. As census data is updated then the Agencies agree to update this section of this Agreement based on the most recent census data.

In consideration of the City of Hanford transferring ownership of the 2007 Pierce Hazardous Materials Unit to the City of Visalia for use by the Haz-Mat Team in 2019, the Agencies agreed that Hanford shall be credited as contributing \$100,240 or ten (10) years of payments, whichever occurs first. The City of Hanford annual contribution shall be first subtracted from this amount before any additional amounts are owed. As of the date of this Amendment, signed in 2024, the City of Hanford contributions totaled \$47,688.28, with \$52,551.72 remaining as credits. VFD shall adopt an applicable cost recovery rate for this vehicle that shall be applied to cost recovery charges for the VFD as it will have the responsibility to maintain and operate the unit on behalf of the Haz-Mat Team. In case the City of Hanford terminates this Agreement prior to this credit ending, then the City of Visalia shall either return the 2007 Pierce Hazardous Materials Unit or pay the City of Hanford the outstanding balance of the credit listed in this paragraph to retain the vehicle.

A chart with the breakdown of the operational cost-share and the vehicle replacement is on the following page.

Agency	Population minus Hanford	Population % (minus Hanford)	Operation Cost	Population % (minus Hanford & Vis)	Vehicle Replacement Cost	Total Haz Mat Cost	2023 Cost Share
Tulare County Fire Department	134,267	23.42%	\$20,031.83	31.32%	\$ 11,316.17	\$ 31,348.00	\$16,782.94
Dinuba Fire Department	25,573	4.46%	\$3,815.34	5.96%	\$ 2,155.32	\$ 5,970.66	\$ 3,195.15
Exeter Fire Department	10,179	1.78%	\$1,518.65	2.37%	\$ 857.90	\$ 2,376.54	\$ 1,277.61
Farmersville Fire Department	10,327	1.80%	\$1,540.73	2.41%	\$ 870.37	\$ 2,411.10	\$ 1,273.47
Hanford Fire Department*	59,286		\$0.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,388.29
Kings County Fire Department	66,486	11.60%	\$9,919.31	15.51%	\$ 5,603.51	\$ 15,522.82	\$ 8,219.16
Lemoore Fire Department	26,855	4.68%	\$4,006.60	6.26%	\$ 2,263.37	\$ 6,269.97	\$ 3,338.17
Visalia Fire Department	144,532	25.21%	\$21,563.30		\$ -	\$ 21,563.30	\$17,943.62
Woodlake Fire Department	7,713	1.35%	\$1,150.73	1.80%	\$ 650.06	\$ 1,800.79	\$ 967.37
Porterville Fire Department	62,934	10.98%	\$9,389.37	14.68%	\$ 5,304.15	\$ 14,693.52	\$ 7,851.83
Lindsay Fire Department	12,594	2.20%	\$1,878.95	2.94%	\$ 1,061.44	\$ 2,940.38	\$ 1,564.90
Tulare Fire Department	70,799	12.35%	\$10,562.78	16.51%	\$ 5,967.02	\$ 16,529.80	\$ 8,741.17
Tule River Fire Department	1,033	0.18%	\$154.12	0.24%	\$ 87.06	\$ 241.18	
Total	573,292	100.00%	\$85,531.71	100.00%	\$36,136.36	\$121,668.07	\$78,543.67

* Note that if a city decides not to participate and terminates this agreement then they will be removed from the participating list and cause the applicable cost share of participating agencies to increase. If additional cities agree to participate, then the total population and corresponding share of costs will decrease.