



# City of Broken Arrow

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**Title:** Approval of and authorization to allow a Fire Department employee to apply to and participate in the Oklahoma Taskforce-1 Urban Search and Rescue Team

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**Attachments:** 1. Letter of Commitment for Application to OK TF-1

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**Broken Arrow City Council  
Meeting of: 06-05-2017**

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Fire Department  
**Title:**

**Approval of and authorization of to allow a Fire Department employee to apply to and participate in the Oklahoma Taskforce-1 Urban Search and Rescue Team**

**Background:**

For approximately ten years, members of the Fire Department have participated as members of the Oklahoma Taskforce-1 (OK TF-1) Urban Search and Rescue Team. OK TF-1 is comprised of emergency responders from multiple Tulsa Metro agencies with specialized training in rescue and disaster response. The team has responded to regional disasters including tornados, floods, and ice storms. Members of the team and the agency they represent commit to participating for one year and renew that commitment annually. Firefighter Paramedic Justin Williams has applied for membership on this team and has completed all of the necessary paperwork. If the City of Broken Arrow approves this participation request it agrees to:

- Release the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, OK TF-1, the Oklahoma City Fire Department, and the Tulsa Fire Department from any and all claims suffered by the Participating Agency or its employee(s) during any training, deployment and/or exercise sponsored by OK TF-1.
- Provide the participating employee with coverage under Workers Compensation during any training, deployment, drills and/or exercises offered or provided by OK TF-1.
- Participating employees will not suffer any loss of pay, rank, leave time, or opportunity while

participating in any training, deployment, drill, and/or exercise sponsored by OK TF-1. The employee will be granted time off, or equivalent, for the duration of the event. The participating Agency may seek reimbursement from the Federal or State agencies to recoup expenses involved in the support of the participating employee provided within the scope of disaster activation.

- Participating employees may be deployed for a period of up to fourteen (14) days. Length of deployment will depend on incident type.

Staff recommends that council approve the request.

**Cost: Unknown, potential for overtime exposure to backfill for deployed employees if staffing below minimum staffing levels.**

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**Reviewed By: Legal Department  
Finance Department  
Human Resources Department  
Assistant City Manager-Administration**

**Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager**

**Attachments: Letter of Commitment for Application to OK TF-1 Justin Williams**

**Recommendation:**

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