



**TO:** Mayor Thomas Ross  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Kelli Kronschnabel, Fire Chief

**DATE:** January 8, 2024

**SUBJECT: WARD COUNTY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CORONER SERVICES**

#### **I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend council to authorize the Fire and Police Chief to sign the MOU with Ward County for coroner services.

#### **II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Kelli Kronschnabel, Fire Chief	857-4740
John Klug, Police Chief	852-0111

#### **III. DESCRIPTION**

##### **A. Background**

The Minot Fire Department has been called on numerous times to assist the ambulance and coroner in removing a deceased patient. Some of these calls have required calling back additional personnel and the use of personal protective equipment that has been thrown away following due to contamination. The request for reimbursement for these additional expenses was posed through the liaison committee and the coroner's office resulting in this MOU to be drafted.

##### **B. Proposed Project**

This document defines roles, responsibilities and expectations as responding to a fatality requiring the need for the coroner. This document also clearly outlines the process for requesting reimbursement when providing assistance to the coroner that may require the use of disposable PPE and other equipment that today is not able to be reimbursed.

##### **C. Consultant Selection**

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#### **IV. IMPACT:**

##### **D. Strategic Impact:**

This agreement doesn't change how police and fire currently respond to these types of request for services but will allow for the Minot Fire Department to request reimbursement for expendables that may be used during patient removal.

##### **B. Service/Delivery Impact:**

No change to service or delivery of this type of assistance.

**C. Fiscal Impact:**

**V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS**

The Council aspiration met would be resilient and prepared.

**VI. ALTERNATIVES**

The Council could deny the request.

**VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

**VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

1. Memorandum of Understanding