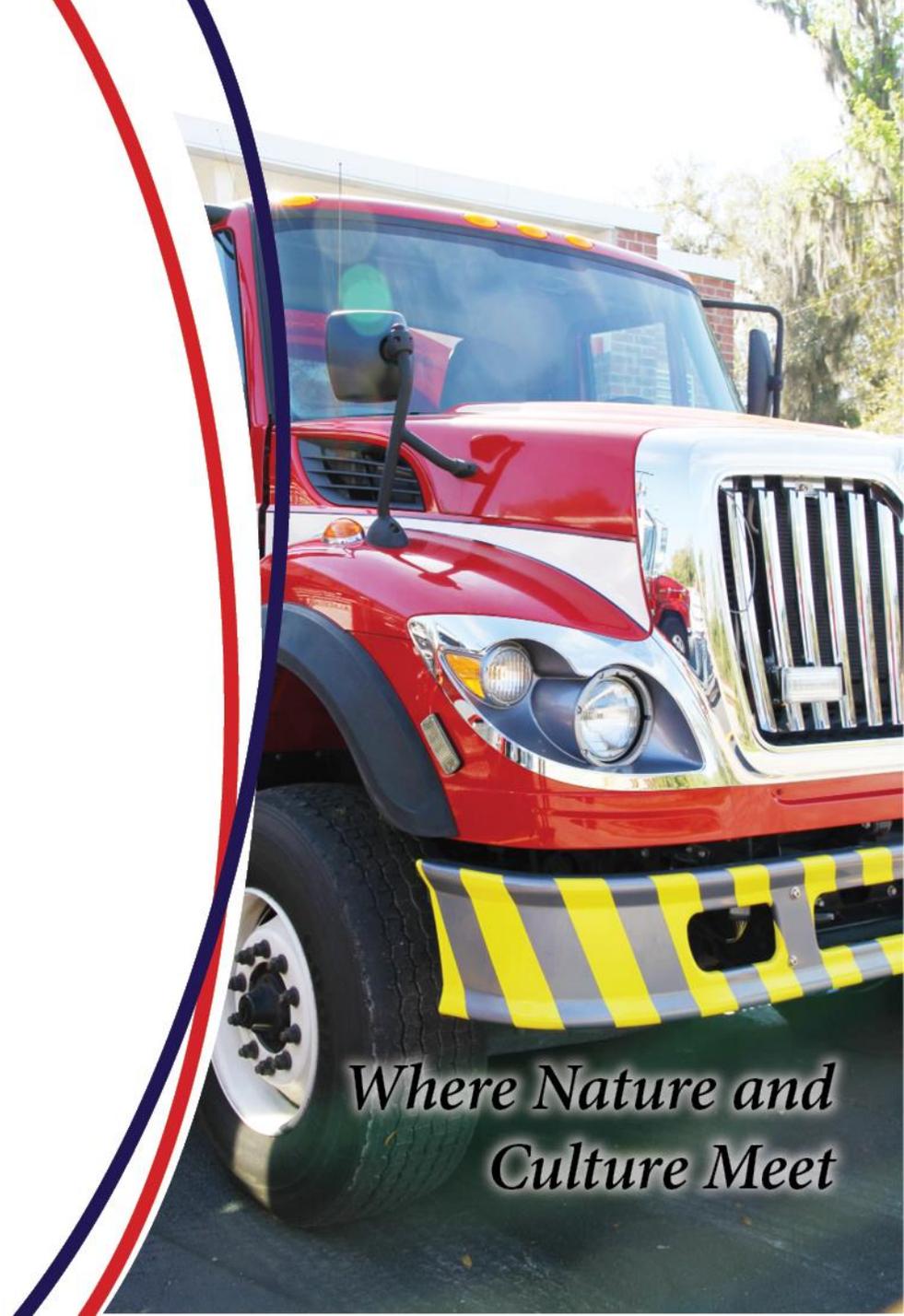




Fire Service Contract

City of Archer

Harold Theus, Chief
Jeff Taylor, Deputy Chief



*Where Nature and
Culture Meet*

Active Agreements



- **Alachua County Fire Rescue provides fire services to the City of Archer**
- **Two agreements exist:**
 - **Interlocal Agreement signed in 2007**
 - **County to deliver fire rescue services within the City**
 - **Describes transfer of equipment and apparatus**
 - **County to pay \$34,254.48 annually**
 - **City to provide lease agreement for \$1.00 annually**
 - **Transfer of equipment/apparatus**
 - **Lease Agreement signed in 2007**
 - **Common Lease Agreement**

Archer Fire Station #82



Level of Service

3 person staffing 24/7

- **Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment with Paramedic staffing**
- **2006-Class A E-One Typhoon custom cab fire engine (scheduled for replacement in FY21)**
 - **750 gallon tank/1500 gpm certified fire pump**
 - **Full complement of extrication equipment**
- **2016-Water Tender (tanker) 4000 gallon tank/250 gpm certified fire pump**
- **2002- F450 4 wheel drive brush truck**
- **Archer residents benefit from ACFR's ISO rating of 3/3x with Hauled Water Certification. Each homeowner and business within 5 driving miles of the Archer Fire Station has a reduced homeowners insurance premium (up to 40%) due to ACFR's location.**

Call Load Data/Operating Budget



- **64 square mile territory**
- **481 total incidents in the territory**
- **170 incidents occurring inside the city limits (35%)**

- **Station 82 Annual Operating Budget- \$1,145,402 (FY19)**
- **Fire Assessment Funds approximately 70% of fire budget**
- **Archer's contribution to Fire Assessment-\$102,168 (FY19)**

Relationship History



- **Archer Fire Department**
 - Early 2000's the volunteer association struggled to get participation
 - Archer Fire Chief Pat Morris worked with Alachua County to assist in meeting the needs
- Alachua County hosted Volunteer Fire Class in Archer (no cost)
- Alachua County supplanted staff with ACFR Reserves (no cost)
- 2004 Interlocal Agreement-the City of Archer and Alachua County agree that ACFR would take over services at no cost to Archer
- 2007 Interlocal Agreement-City of Archer joins the MSTU (Fire) to assist in funding fire services
 - City of Archer turns over a 1993 Engine, a 2002 Brush Truck and all equipment to Alachua County
 - County agrees to pay off the debt services of the fire station for the City of Archer at an annual payment of \$34,254.48
- 2017 – City of Archer joins the Fire Assessment Fee and the MSTU (Fire) is eliminated

2020 Negotiation Attempts



- **February 6th - Met with City Manager Tony Hammond**
- **February 13th- Letter from County Manager to City Manager**
- **March 6th- Discussions with the City of Archer**
- **May 7th-Presentation to City of Archer Attorney, Scott Walker**
- **June 15th- Correspondence from Attorney Scott Walker stating that the city is “in the process of appraising the fire station”**

Staff Recommendation



- **Notice the City of Archer that Alachua County is canceling the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and the City of Archer Regarding Fire and Rescue Services**
- **Authorize staff to negotiate a new Interlocal Agreement with the City of Archer**

Impacts of no agreement



- **Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR) would vacate Station 82**
- **Response times would dramatically increase**
 - **Medical Emergencies**
 - **Traffic Accidents**
 - **Structure Fires**
- **Residents and businesses would lose ISO PPC rating**

Contact Information



<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/PublicSafety/Pages/fr.aspx>

352-384-3101

Dial 911 in an emergency

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alachua-County-Fire-Rescue/121243407933955>