

From: Jenny Haruyama, City Manager, City of Eugene
To: Nancy Newton, City Manager, City of Springfield
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Nancy,

There is no question that both Eugene and Springfield share a strong commitment to providing high-quality fire and EMS services to our communities. Over the years, that commitment has been reflected through different service delivery models, including the Three Battalion System implemented in 2007 and, most recently, the functional consolidation established through the 2010 Eugene-Springfield Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

The IGA was entered into with several objectives, including creating a partnership that would reduce inefficiencies and costs for both cities. By those measures, the agreement has been successful and has provided significant value to our communities over the past sixteen years.

At the same time, both cities have experienced increasing challenges associated with the functionally consolidated model. Many of those challenges have been identified by Eugene-Springfield Fire personnel and were reflected in the AP Triton report. While those realities have prompted both organizations to evaluate future service delivery options, Eugene continues to view the consolidation as a successful chapter in the long-standing partnership between our communities. The discussions underway today represent a transition toward what each city believes is the most sustainable and cost-effective model for the future.

Providing this notice of termination today, June 30, 2026, is driven solely by the procedural requirements of the IGA. The agreement requires that either party provide notice "two full fiscal years prior to the termination date" (with both Eugene's and Springfield's fiscal years running from July 1 through June 30). If the agreement required only two years' notice, rather than two full fiscal years' notice, this notification would not be necessary at this time. However, based on the terms of the IGA, the current status of the IGE negotiations, and the direction provided by Eugene's City Council through its December 12 motion, it is my responsibility to provide formal notice at this time in order to preserve the City's options under the agreement.

My hope is that this notification is received in the spirit in which it is intended—not as an ending, but as the beginning of a new chapter in the partnership between our communities. I look forward to continued collaboration between Eugene and Springfield as our respective fire agencies evolve to meet future needs, while maintaining our shared commitment to strong mutual aid, regional cooperation, and exceptional service to the residents we serve.

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