MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
    Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor

FROM: Scott Bloom, Assistant Borough Attorney

DATE: December 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-111, approving a mutual aid agreement between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area and Kachemak Emergency Service Area

This resolution would approve the attached mutual aid agreement and initial operations plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area (APFEMSA) and Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA). Mutual aid agreements allow for emergency service agencies to assist each other with emergency response through the provision of equipment and personnel as set out in mutual aid agreements and operational plans.

Typically, the service area boards recommend approval to the assembly prior to the assembly taking action. However, it has only recently been discovered that there is not a mutual aid agreement between APFEMSA and KESA, and with the recent departure of the APFEMSA chief, it is the administration’s position that this agreement should be approved prior to the next assembly meeting as a need may arise in the interim.

The agreement will continue in effect until modified or a party withdraws. The resolution would allow the operations plan, which details specific response procedures, to be modified in the future without assembly approval as long as it does not conflict with the agreement itself.

Thank you for your consideration.