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Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Services- Camden County and Brantley County

Motions

Approve and authroize the Chairman to sign the mutual aid agreement with Brantley County

Background

Previously Camden County has been under a state-wide mutual aid response with Brantley County and a verbal understanding for a local mutual aid response. This document will serve as a written mutual aid agreement for local mutual aid responses.

Staff Recommendation

Approve and sign mutual aid agreement.

APPENDIX A
BRANTLEY COUNTY FIRE SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

This mutual aid agreement is made and entered into by the
Waynesville Vol Fire Dept of Waynesville, GA 31566 and
(Fire Department Name) (City and State)
the _____ of _____
(Fire Department or Other Agency Name) (City and State)

The above named emergency service agencies have vehicles and equipment for fighting fires or responding to other emergencies. These agencies also have personnel trained in the use of these vehicles and equipment. Their personnel are knowledgeable in the techniques used in fire fighting, rescue, or other emergency response. These agencies provide fire protection, rescue, or other emergency services in their respective jurisdictions.

The jurisdictions of these agencies are adjacent or near each other. For this reason, these agencies agree that it is mutually sound, desirable, practical, and helpful to assist each other in providing emergency services. Such mutual aid is given under the terms of this agreement.

I. Both parties to this agreement will:

A. Authorize their incident commanders or other supervisory personnel to request mutual aid from the scene when deemed necessary.

1. The incident command at the scene of an incident involving mutual aid will remain with the agency having jurisdiction over the incident location.

2. The incident command's radio call sign will be:

" _____ FIRE GROUND COMMAND."
(Name of Incident Location)

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3. The incident commander may request a senior officer from the assisting agency to assist with command functions or assume command. In so doing, however, he or she is not relieving his or her agency of responsibility for the incident or for any liability.
4. Rehabilitation for all responding personnel is the responsibility of the incident command. A suitable rehabilitation site will be designated and staffed. Personnel may be released from the incident site to the rehabilitation site only by the incident command.
5. Water supply operations are the responsibility of the incident command. Suitable water sources will be designated. Fire apparatus operators will advise the incident command on the status of their on board water supply.
6. The incident command will release mutual aid units in as timely a manner as possible. Only the incident command has the authority to release units from the incident scene.

B. Upon receipt of a request for mutual aid, the parties to this agreement will:

1. Determine what vehicles, equipment, and/or personnel, if any, can respond to the incident.
2. Dispatch personnel, vehicles and equipment to the incident making sure the personnel have as much information on the incident and its location as possible.

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3. The responding mutual aid units will establish radio contact with the incident command for staging instructions or operational assignments.
4. On arrival at the scene, the mutual aid units will report to the incident command for instructions or assignments.
5. Firefighters will wear full personal protective clothing and equipment at the incident scene.
6. If possible, personnel from a given mutual aid unit will operate as a team. They will take orders from their respective officers under the direction of the incident command.
7. Mutual aid units will advise the incident command of all injuries sustained during an incident when they occur.
8. *(For adjacent fire districts only)* Respond automatically to structural fires in each other's fire districts unless cancelled by the other department.

II. Both parties to this agreement waive all rights to claims against the other party. This includes claims for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring as a consequence of giving aid under this agreement.

III. All services performed under this agreement are given without expectation of reimbursement by either party.

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- IV. Giving assistance under this agreement is not mandatory. Nothing contained in this agreement will require the parties to the agreement to give assistance if such action will endanger the quality of service in their respective jurisdictions. The decision to give assistance is the sole responsibility of the senior operational officer of each agency. If the requested assistance can not be provided, the party receiving the request will immediately notify the requester.
- V. The parties to this agreement will encourage their supervisors to conduct joint training and pre-incident planning and inspections. Close cooperation in the areas of training and planning are essential to safe and effective mutual aid response.
- VI. The parties to this agreement will authorize their senior operational officers to establish any plans and procedures necessary to carry out this agreement.
- VII. This agreement becomes effective on the date signed. It will remain in effect until cancelled by one or both parties. Unilateral cancellation by one party will be made in writing to the other party. This written notification will give 30 days notice of the intent to cancel the agreement.

<u>Waynesville Vol Fire Dept.</u>	_____
(Fire Department Name)	(Agency Name)
<u>489 Tyson Rd</u>	_____
(Address)	(Address)
<u>Waynesville, GA 31566</u>	_____
(City, State, Zip Code)	(City, State, Zip Code)
<u>Fire Chief</u>	_____
(Authorizing Official)	(Authorizing Official)
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
(Signature)	(Signature)
<u>04-11-2010</u>	_____
(Date)	(Date)