



Pierce County
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17
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April 23, 2010

Reggie Romines, Fire Chief
Graham Fire and Rescue
PO Box 369
Graham, WA 98338

Re: Pierce County Mutual Aid Agreement

Dear Reggie,

Enclosed please find the signed copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement passed and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners for Pierce County Fire Protection District No.17.

I have also included a signed copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement between Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire and Emergency Services and Piece County Fire Protection District No.17 for your information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob Vellias, Fire Chief



PIERCE COUNTY

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

THIS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT is entered into this 19th day of April, 2010, by and between all parties who have executed this agreement as signatory parties thereto, including but not limited to all Pierce County Fire Districts, City and Town fire departments, and military fire departments.

This agreement is entered into under the authority of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

RECITALS

- 1) Each of the parties owns and maintains equipment for the suppression of fires and for the supplying of emergency medical services and responses to other situations or events which are, or may be, hazardous to the public. Each of the parties also retains firefighting personnel who are trained to provide various levels of emergency medical services and response to other hazardous conditions.
- 2) In the event of a major fire, disaster or other emergency, each of the parties may need the assistance of another party to this agreement, to provide supplemental fire suppression and emergency medical service equipment and personnel.

- 3) Each of the parties may have the necessary equipment and personnel to enable it to provide such service to another party in the event of such an emergency.
- 4) The geographical boundaries of each party are located in such a manner as to enable each party to render mutual aid service to another.
- 5) This Mutual Aid Agreement is not limited to jurisdictions located within Pierce County; jurisdictions near or adjacent to Pierce County, located in the region and able to respond or benefit from the agreement, are also eligible.

The parties subject to the terms of this agreement, to carry out the purposes and functions described above and in consideration of the benefits to be received by each of the parties, agree as follows:

- 1) Request for Assistance - The commanding officer of the fire department or the officer in charge of a fire unit or an emergency medical service unit at the scene of an emergency within the boundaries of their jurisdiction is authorized to request assistance from any party to this agreement if confronted with an emergency situation at which the requesting party has need for equipment or personnel in excess of that available at the requesting party's fire department.
- 2) Response to Request - Upon receipt of such request, the commanding officer of the party receiving the request shall immediately take the following action:

a) Immediately respond with requested resources or contact the requesting agency's dispatch center with notification that a portion of or all of the resources requested are not available.

3) Command Responsibility at Emergency Scene - Command responsibility at the scene rests with the party in whose jurisdiction the incident requiring mutual aid has occurred (hereinafter referred to as the "department having jurisdiction"). The incident commander shall be in command of the operations under which the equipment and personnel sent by the responding party shall serve; provided that the responding equipment and personnel shall be under the immediate supervision of the officer in charge of the responding apparatus.

4) Liability - The parties agree that the department having jurisdiction shall assume liability for, defend, indemnify and hold all other parties harmless from all liabilities which arise out of command decisions or judgments.

Subject to the above, each party hereto agrees to assume responsibility for liabilities arising out of the actions of its own personnel and to defend, indemnify and hold the other parties hereto harmless therefrom as to each party's own actions relating to performance under this agreement.

5) Compensation - Each party agrees that it will not seek compensation for services rendered under this agreement from any party requesting assistance.

- 6) Insurance - Each party agrees to maintain adequate automobile and commercial general liability insurance coverage for its own equipment and personnel, covering their operations.
- 7) Concurrent Originals - This Agreement may be signed in concurrent or counterpart originals.
- 8) Document Control – Execution - The parties agree that sufficient concurrent originals of this agreement shall be produced and distributed for signature by the necessary officials to bind each party. Upon execution, the executed counterpart originals hereof shall be returned to the offices of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association, which shall act as Secretary hereunder for the sole purpose of maintaining and filing the originals in one place and available to all parties. The executed counterpart originals will be stamped on receipt by the Secretary to show the date of filing with the Secretary as described above. Upon receipt by the Secretary of the executed counterpart originals, each such original shall form and become a part of one agreement binding on all parties.
- 9) Duration - The duration of this agreement shall be for one year commencing from the date of filing with the Secretary, as described above, of not less than two counterpart originals, **provided** that the agreement shall be automatically continued from year to year unless terminated as provided below.
- 10) Termination - This agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless and until terminated, or until a party or parties withdraw, as follows:

(a) Written notice shall be served by any party hereto upon the Secretary or any other party or parties of its intention to withdraw from the agreement. Such notice shall be served not less than thirty days prior to the withdrawal date set forth therein and a copy shall be forwarded to each party signatory hereto. Said notice shall automatically terminate the agreement **as to the withdrawing party** on the date set out unless rescinded prior thereto in writing.

(b) Such withdrawal shall not affect the continuation of the agreement as to any party not indicating an intention to withdraw as provided herein.

(c) Withdrawal or termination shall not preclude future agreements for mutual aid between the parties.

11) Agreement Not Exclusive - This agreement is not intended to be exclusive as between the several parties hereto. Any of the parties hereto may, as they deem necessary or expedient, enter into separate mutual aid agreements with any other party or parties. Entry into such separate agreements shall not, unless specifically stated therein, affect any relationship or covenant herein contained; provided that no such separate agreement shall terminate any responsibility herein undertaken unless notice shall be given pursuant to Section 10 of this agreement.

12) Filing - As provided by RCW 39.34.040, this agreement shall be filed prior to its entry in force, with each applicable county auditor, or alternatively, listed by subject on a public agency's web site, such as www.piercefire.org. It may also be filed with each Fire District Secretary.

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.17

SIGNATURE PAGE

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Commissioner Mark Guenther



Commissioner Roy Kadow



Commissioner Dan Morris



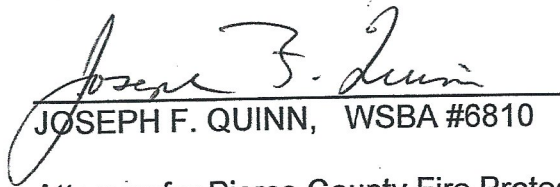
Commissioner John Sebastian



Commissioner Olivia Werner


Attest: Brenda Murphy
District Secretary

Approved as to Form:



JOSEPH F. QUINN, WSBA #6810
Attorney for Pierce County Fire Protection District No.17

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (US)

This agreement entered into this 19th day of April, 2010, between the Secretary of the Army acting according to the authority of section 1856a, title 42, United States Code and Pierce County Fire District 17, South Pierce, is to secure for each the benefits of mutual aid in fire prevention, the protection of life and property from fire and firefighting to include emergency services, including basic medical support, basic and advanced life support, hazardous material containment and confinement, and special rescue events involving vehicular and water mishaps, and trench, building, and confined space extractions.

It is agreed that:

- a. On request to a representative of Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire and Emergency Services by a representative of the Pierce County Fire District 17, firefighting equipment and personnel of Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire and Emergency Services will be dispatched when available to any point within the area for which the Pierce County Fire District 17, normally provides fire protection as designated by the representative of the Pierce County Fire District 17.
- b. On request to a representative of Pierce County Fire District 17, by a representative of Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire and Emergency Services, firefighting equipment and personnel of Pierce County Fire District 17, will be dispatched when available to any point within the area for which Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire and Emergency Services normally provides fire protection as designated by the representative of Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire and Emergency Services.
- c. The rendering of assistance under the terms of this agreement shall not be mandatory, but the party receiving the request for assistance should immediately inform the requesting department if, for any reason, assistance cannot be rendered.
- d. Any dispatch of equipment and personnel pursuant to this agreement is subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Any request for aid under this agreement will specify the location to which the equipment and personnel are to be dispatched; however, the amount and type of equipment and the number of personnel to be furnished will be determined by a representative of the responding organization.
 - (2) The responding organization will report to the officer-in-charge of the requesting organization at the location to which the equipment is dispatched and will be subject to the order of that official.
 - (3) A responding organization will be released by the requesting organization when their services are no longer required or when the responding organization is needed within the area for which it normally provides fire protection.

- (4) If a crash of an aircraft owned or operated by the United States or military aircraft of any foreign nation occurs within the area for which the Pierce County Fire District 17, normally provides fire protection, the Chief of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Emergency Services or his or her representative may assume full command on arrival at the scene of the crash.
- e. Each party hereby waive all claims against every other party for compensation for any loss, damage, injury or death occurring as a consequence of the performance of this agreement except those claims authorized under U.S.C. 2210.
- f. The chief fire officers and personnel of the fire departments of both parties to this agreement are invited and encouraged, on a reciprocal basis, to frequently visit each other's activities for guided familiarization tours consistent with local security requirements and, as feasible, to jointly conduct pre-planning inspections and drills.
- g. The technical heads of the departments of the parties to this agreement are authorized and directed to meet and draft any detailed plans and procedures of operation necessary to effectively implement this agreement. Such plans and procedures of operations shall become effective upon ratification by the signatory parties.
- h. All equipment used by Pierce County Fire District 17, in carrying out this agreement will be owned by the Pierce County Fire District 17; and all personnel acting for Pierce County Fire District 17, under this agreement will be an employee or volunteer member of the Pierce County Fire District 17.

This agreement shall become effective upon the date hereof and remain in full force and effect until cancelled by mutual agreement of the parties hereto or by written notice by one party to the other party, giving thirty (30) days notice of said cancellation.

For Pierce County Fire District 17

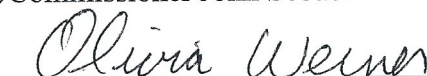

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 Attest: D.S. Brenda Murphy

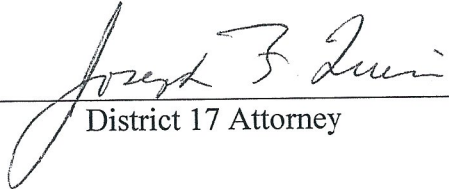
For the Secretary of the Army

 THOMAS H. BRITTAIN

Colonel, IN

Commanding

Approved as to Form:


District 17 Attorney

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