

ATTACHMENT 4

EMS GENERAL INTENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
_____ **COUNTY**

WHEREAS, an Emergency Medical/Trauma Care Service in _____ County, or in an adjoining Emergency Medical & Trauma Care Service area may occasionally have an ambulance out of commission or otherwise may be unable to provide Emergency Medical/Trauma Care needs of their communities, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of each Emergency Medical/Trauma Care Service in _____ County to be able to respond to all calls for Emergency Medical/Trauma Care without prior inquiry as to ability to pay, and

WHEREAS, it is lawful and in the public interest to form a Mutual Aid pact that establishes a method whereby adjoining Emergency Medical/Trauma Care services provide supplementary assistance to each other when conditions necessitate, and

WHEREAS, such mutual aid agreements previously developed to cover communities during military attach or natural disaster shall supersede this document in case of such major disaster, and

WHEREAS, these Emergency Medical/Trauma Care Services see themselves as part of the Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Care System in _____ County, in the East Region of the State of Washington, and adjoining areas, it is to the advantage of the people in _____ County, in terms of the best plan for patient care, that these Emergency Medical/Trauma Care Services lend mutual aid and assistance to one another in time of need.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the benefits of forming a Mutual Aid pact, the undersigned Emergency Medical/Trauma Care Services agree as follows:

The Requesting Party:

1. Assumes no responsibility for payment of services.
2. Assumes no responsibility for payment for loss of equipment or repairs or damage to equipment if such loss or damages are incurred in requesting party's behalf provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing language, in the event there is any damage or destruction of any equipment of injury to any person due to the requesting party's negligence or negligence of any agency or employee of requesting part, then the requesting party shall be responsible for such damage or injury and shall and does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless lending party as to any such damages or injury.
3. Shall request assistance from another Emergency Medical/Trauma Care Service when it is unable to provide Emergency Medical/Trauma Care needs of its community either due to equipment breakdown, insufficient manpower or unusual situations requiring multiple ambulances.

The Responding Party:

1. May use normal billing procedures for its services.

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2. Shall respond to a call for aid from any other service within its general geographical area so long as it is prudently feasible to do so, and so long as its service is not left unprotected during the time mutual aid is being provided.
3. Shall respond to any incident declared a man-made or natural disaster in accordance with county disaster plan.
4. Shall expect to receive mutual aid when it is the requesting party.

All Parties:

1. Agree to review and re-evaluate this agreement biannually.

Any other agreements that may be in effect at this time between various services listed shall remain in effect at the option of those services.

It is understood that this is a General Intent Mutual Aid Agreement that is not legally binding, however, the underlying intent of providing Emergency Medical/Trauma Care is understood and will govern the agencies involved accordingly.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned agree that this document shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the following agencies.

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