

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT. entered into by and between Pike County Board of Commissioners and Lamar County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law and local ordinances and contracts, both Pike County Board of Commissioners and Lamar County Board of Commissioners are licensed ambulance providers in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, some of the service areas of the two parties are adjacent to each other but do not overlap; and

WHEREAS, each party provides ambulance vehicles and related equipment staffed with sufficient personnel to cover reasonably foreseeable demand for ambulance services throughout its respective designated service area; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary situations may occur that will over-tax the ability of either service to provide prompt and efficient ambulance service to their respective service areas; and

WHEREAS, Pike County Board of Commissioners and Lamar County Board of Commissioners desire to enter into this Mutual Aid Agreement pursuant to which either party *may*, at its option, request ambulance response by the other party into the requesting party's designated service area, subject to the conditions set forth herein,

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

Mutual Aid Request - A mutual aid request from a neighboring provider *may* be requested in the event that an emergency or non emergency occurs in the requestors service area which required resources and personnel are beyond the capabilities of the obligated service and the situation is such that it will likely place an extraordinary burden on the system and compromise the systems standard of care. For life-threatening Emergency *events*, calls for mutual aid should begin immediately once it is determined no provider ambulance units are available to handle the call. In 9-1-1 non-life threatening events, calls for mutual aid should be made once it is determined a providers ambulance is unavailable to handle the call. A mutual aid request may be made for a back-up ambulance and/or manpower support from the other party.

Best Effort Response/Denial of Mutual Aid - In the *event* the requested party agrees to provide a mutual aid response, the requested party shall respond with a best effort in regards to response times. If the requested party determines, in their opinion, that the response will unreasonably jeopardize coverage within the requested party's designated area *they may* refuse or delay the response. The requesting party's dispatch center shall be immediately notified if a request for mutual aid is delayed or cancelled.

Financial Responsibility - the transporting provider shall be responsible for seeking reimbursement from the patient(s) transported. A request for mutual aid does not obligate the requesting agency to bill for services or guarantee payment for *any* patient(s) transported by a mutual aid provider.

Liability - Each service agrees to provide for itself, appropriate liability auto and Workers Compensations insurance in amounts as may be required by law.

Indemnification - Each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party and the political Subdivisions within the designated service areas, inducing officers, agents and employees from and against *any* and all claims or suits for property damage or loss and/or personal injuries, including death, for errors or omissions on the part of either party in any manner arising out of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Such indemnification for acts occurring or alleged to have occurred during the effective dates of the Agreement shall survive the terminations of this Agreement for any reason.

Name and address of County

Pike County Board of Commissioners 331 Thomaston St. Zebulon Ga. 30295

Signature

Title

Date

Name and Address of County

Lamar County Board of Commissioners 408 Thomaston St. E, Barnesville Ga. 30204

Signature

Title

Date