

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
For Additional Fire and Emergency Medical Service Protection

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this 8th day of May, 2026 by, between, and among the following cities, villages, townships, emergency medical services districts and fire districts (hereinafter referred to as Party or Parties) in or adjacent to Wood County, Ohio, and all political subdivisions under the laws of Ohio:

Village of Bloomdale	Village of North Baltimore
City of Bowling Green	Northwest Wood Ambulance District
Village of Bradner	City of Northwood
Center Township	Perry Township
Central Joint Fire District	City of Perrysburg
Village of Cygnet	Perrysburg Township
City of Fostoria	Village of Risingsun
Freedom Township	City of Rossford
Grand Rapids Township	South East Ambulance District
Jackson Township	Troy Township
Lake Township	Washington Township
Mid-County Ambulance District	City of Waterville (Lucas County)
Middleton Township	Village of Wayne
Milton Township Fire District	Weston Township
Eagleville Joint Ambulance District	Village of Weston

WHEREAS, Section 9.60(B) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that any firefighting agency, private fire company, or emergency medical service organization may contract with any governmental entity in this state or another jurisdiction to provide fire protection or emergency medical services, as appropriate, whether on a regular basis or only in times of emergency, upon the approval of the governing boards or administrative head of the entities that are parties to the contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.60 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that any governmental entity in this state may contract with any firefighting agency, private fire company, or emergency medical services organization of the state or another jurisdiction to obtain fire protection or emergency medical services, as appropriate, whether on a regular basis or only in times of emergency, upon the approval of the governing boards or administrative heads of the entities that are parties to the contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.44 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that townships may enter into a contract with one or more state agencies, townships, municipal corporations, counties, non-profit organizations, joint emergency medical service districts, fire and ambulance districts, or private ambulance owners, upon such terms are agreed to by them, to furnish or receive services from ambulance or emergency medical service organizations, if the contract is first authorized by the respective boards of township trustees, the other legislative bodies, or the officer of the body authorized to contract on behalf of the state agency; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto have certain firefighting equipment, firefighting personnel, emergency medical service equipment and/or emergency medical service personnel; and

WHEREAS, in times of emergencies, such firefighting equipment, firefighting personnel, emergency medical service equipment and/or emergency medical service personnel may be inadequate to afford full and complete service to said Parties and inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto desire to obtain additional firefighting and/or emergency medical services from the respective Parties hereto in times of emergencies when deemed necessary by the Chief, Officer in-charge, or such other authorized public official of a political subdivision or district which is a party to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto, desire to rescind the “2011 Mutual Aid Agreement For Additional Fire and Emergency Medical Service Protection” and amendments thereto and replace them in their entirety with this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 9.60 and 505.44 of the Ohio Revised Code, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations assumed herein by the other agree as follows:

1. The “2011 Mutual Aid Agreement for Additional Fire and Emergency Medical Service Protection” and amendments thereto are hereby rescinded, and the Parties shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement upon approval by the governing authority of each Party.
2. Each Party shall provide such firefighting equipment, firefighting personnel, emergency medical service equipment and/or emergency medical service personnel as may be requested by another party to the extent such personnel and equipment is available for use.
 - a. Any request for assistance under the Agreement shall be made by the Chief of the Requesting Party or other designated individual on duty at the time of the emergency. The request for assistance shall indicate the specific equipment and staffing needed and include directions as to the location where the assistance is needed or to a designated staging area managed by a staging officer.
 - b. The Responding Party shall deploy only those individuals who meet all applicable training standards, certifications, and operational requirements necessary to safely and effectively conduct emergency operations as directed by the Requesting Party.
 - c. The decision as to whether, and the extent to which, manpower and equipment is available for assistance shall be made by the Chief of the Responding Party or other designated individual on duty at the time of the request.
 - d. When assistance is requested and furnished, the senior officer of the Requesting Party on scene shall have full charge and authority over the assisting personnel and equipment responding to the request for assistance.
3. The Responding Party, its inhabitants, agents, assigns, successors in interest or employees, shall in no instance be liable to the Requesting Party, if assistance is denied, delayed, inadequate, or substantially recalled, or if furnished assistance is not needed upon arrival.

4. If Parties respond to a hazardous material incident, Parties shall follow the procedures and requirements set forth in R.C. §3745.13 to recover the costs of dealing with unauthorized spill, release or discharge from any responsible party.
5. Parties shall utilize the current FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates and actual personnel costs arising from the incident in calculating reimbursement requests.
6. Parties that bill patients for EMS response and/or transport reserve the right to bill patients for services provided when providing EMS services as the Responding Party.
7. Firefighting and emergency medical service personnel acting under this Agreement outside the boundaries of their employing political subdivision may participate in any pension or indemnity fund established by their employer to the same extent as if they were acting within the boundaries of the employing political subdivision, and are entitled to all rights and benefits of Chapter 4123 of the Ohio Revised Code, to the same extent as while performing services within the boundaries of the employing political subdivision.
8. Personnel of the Responding Party, in answering a call for assistance under this Agreement, shall be considered to be acting within the scope of their employment while enroute to or from, and while acting within the territory of the requesting political subdivision.
9. This Agreement shall remain in effect for three (3) years from and after the date of execution and shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless amended, cancelled or superseded by mutual agreement of the Parties. A party may withdraw from the Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties by Certified Mail.
10. This Agreement will be reviewed by the Wood County Fire/EMS Chiefs' Association every three years.
11. In the event that a municipal corporation, township, township fire district, joint fire district or joint ambulance district wishes to be added to the "Wood County Mutual- Aid Agreement for Additional Fire and EMS Protection," such entity shall send a written request to become a party to this Agreement to the Wood County Emergency Management Agency ("EMA"). Following the receipt of such request, EMA shall provide written notification to all the current signators of the entity's request to become a party.
 - a. The current signators shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the EMA notice to file their written approval/disapproval of the proposed party with the EMA office.
 - b. Following the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, EMA will tabulate the approvals/disapprovals. If a signator fails to notify the EMA of their written approval or denial within thirty (30) day period, the signator's lack of response will be deemed an "approval."
 - c. If the majority of the signators approve the request, the requesting entity shall become a party to this Agreement upon that entity's execution of

the Agreement signator page by their approving authority.

- d. Any Party added to this Agreement shall be bound to all the rights, privileges, duties and obligations applicable to other signators to this Agreement so long as such rights, privileges, duties, and obligations do not contravene applicable federal, state, or local law.
12. The Parties of the Agreement hereby certify that their employees have completed the training requirements and certification required by the Ohio Revised Code and the National Information Management System (NIMS), which is the Federal Presidential Directive requiring various levels of NIMS training for all public safety personnel. The Parties of this Agreement also agree to operate under the incident command system (ICS) structure and utilize “plain language” when communicating in accordance with NIMS requirements when providing and receiving mutual-aid.
 13. The Parties will do all things reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the objectives, terms and provisions of this Agreement and to aid and assist each other in carrying out such objectives, terms and provisions. In case of any disputes arising under this Agreement, the Parties agree to attempt to resolve such disputes through good faith negotiations between authorized representatives of both Parties. If good faith negotiations between parties fail, both Parties agree to submit a dispute to a non-binding mediation. If a dispute cannot be resolved through non-binding mediation, either Party may pursue any available legal remedies in any court of competent jurisdiction in Wood County, Ohio, or, if both Parties mutually agree, the dispute may be submitted to binding arbitration in accordance with procedures to which both Parties agree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said respective Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as provided by ordinance or resolution duly adopted for that purpose.

(See attached signator pages for each of the Parties)

(The remainder of this page is intentionally blank.)

**WOOD COUNTY MUTUAL-AID AGREEMENT
For Additional Fire and EMS Protection**

YEAR EXECUTED: 2026

Village of North Baltimore
For
North Baltimore Fire Department
201 N. Main Street
North Baltimore, Ohio 45872
North Baltimore EMS
205 N. Main Street
North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

SIGNED:

Mayor of North Baltimore

DATED: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Law Director – Village of North Baltimore