

Agreement – Fire Protection Mutual Aid

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2022, by and between the below parties

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, each of the parties hereto maintain equipment and personnel for the suppression of fires within its own jurisdiction and areas, either directly or by funding entities that handle such on behalf on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to augment the fire protection available to their various establishments, districts, agencies, and municipalities in the event of a large fires or conflagrations; and

WHEREAS, the lands or districts of the parties hereto are adjacent or continuous so that mutual assistance in a fire emergency is deemed feasible; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the County, the municipalities, and fire departments within the County to enter into mutual aid agreements wherever practicable; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually deemed sound, desirable, and practicable, and beneficial for the parties to this Agreement to render assistance to one another in accordance with these terms:

THEREFORE BE IT AGREED THAT:

1. Upon request of the designated official of the Municipality, County, or Volunteer Fire Department the undersigned agencies will furnish such firefighting service to the extent deemed available at the time of the fire, for the purpose of assisting in combating fires occurring within the unincorporated areas of the County of Onslow.
2. The following officials are hereby designated to request firefighting assistance:
 - a. For the municipalities:
 - i. City or Town Managers
 - ii. Public Safety Directors or Deputy Directors
 - iii. Fire Chiefs or Deputy Chiefs
 - iv. Senior fire department officer on duty
 - b. For the County:
 - i. County Manager
 - ii. Director of Emergency Services or Deputy Director
 - iii. Fire Rescue Division Chief
 - iv. Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal
 - c. For the Volunteer Fire Department:
 - i. The Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, or Assistant Chiefs
 - ii. Senior fire department officer on duty

3. Request for assistance will be made through the appropriate E911 Center that provides service to the fire entities.
4. Upon arrival at the scene of the fire, assisting personnel and equipment shall report to either the Incident Command or Operations Officer or whoever is providing tactical control of the fire assets.
5. The rendering of assistance under the terms of this agreement shall not be mandatory, but the party receiving the request for assistance should inform the requesting service as soon as possible if, for any reason, assistance cannot be rendered.
6. Each party to this Agreement hereby expressly waives all claims against the other party or parties for compensation for any loss, damage personal injury, or death occurring to consequence of the performance of this Agreement.
7. This agreement will abolish all previous agreements that the County held with entities for the express purpose of mutual aid. However, this does not abolish any other individual agency's agreements for the purpose of automatic aid that agencies may enter into.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the parties hereto executed this agreement, on the day and year written above.

Agency	Title of Signature	Signature
Backs Swamp Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Halfmoon Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Haws Run Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Town of Holly Ridge	_____	_____
Holly Ridge Fire & Rescue	_____	_____
Hubert Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
City of Jacksonville	_____	_____
Maysville Fire Department	_____	_____
Nine Mile Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Town of North Topsail	_____	_____
Onslow County	_____	_____
Piney Green Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Pumpkin Center Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Rhodes town Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Town of Richlands	_____	_____
Richlands Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____
Southwest Volunteer Fire Department	_____	_____

Town of Surf City

Town of Swansboro

Turkey Creek Fire & Rescue

Verona Volunteer Fire Department
