

## **ADDENDUM A**

### **EMERGENCY PUBLIC ALERTING AND IPAWS COORDINATION**

This Addendum is attached to and incorporated into the Emergency Mutual Aid Interlocal Cooperation Agreement entered into by Carbon County, Emery County, Grand County, San Juan County, and participating political subdivisions.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Addendum is to establish regional coordination and mutual aid support for emergency public alerting and warning operations throughout the four-county region.

The Parties recognize the importance of coordinated emergency messaging during emergencies, disasters, communications failures, planned events, and multi-jurisdiction incidents.

This Addendum supports:

- Continuity of emergency public alerting
- Cross-county emergency communications support
- Regional IPAWS coordination
- Redundant alerting capability
- Shared situational awareness
- Coordinated public messaging

#### **DEFINITIONS**

##### **Emergency Public Alerting**

The dissemination of emergency information and protective action guidance to the public through systems including but not limited to:

- Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Emergency Notification Systems (ENS)
- Social media and public information systems
- Other approved emergency public warning platforms

##### **IPAWS**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System utilized by authorized alerting authorities to disseminate emergency notifications and warnings.

#### **REGIONAL ALERTING COORDINATION**

The Parties agree to coordinate regional emergency public alerting operations including:

- IPAWS alert dissemination
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) messaging
- Emergency Notification System (ENS) support

- Public information coordination
- Cross-jurisdiction emergency messaging
- Regional communications support during disasters and outages

The Parties acknowledge that southeastern Utah's rural and frontier environment requires redundant and regionalized alerting capability to maintain continuity of emergency communications.

#### AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

Each Party shall maintain authorized personnel trained in FEMA IPAWS requirements and other applicable public alerting systems.

Authorized personnel may include:

- Emergency Managers
- Emergency Management Duty Officers
- Sheriff's Office Command Staff
- Dispatch Supervisors
- Public Information Officers
- Other personnel designated by the Party
- Each Party is responsible for maintaining required FEMA IPAWS training and compliance standards.

#### MUTUAL AID ALERTING SUPPORT

When requested, and when permitted by FEMA IPAWS policies and local procedures, a Responding Party may issue emergency alerts on behalf of a Requesting Party during:

- Communications failures
- Internet outages
- Staffing shortages
- Multi-jurisdiction incidents
- Extended emergency operations
- Immediate life safety emergencies

The Requesting Party retains authority over:

- Alert approval
- Protective action recommendations
- Geographic warning areas
- Public messaging strategy

Nothing in this Addendum transfers or relinquishes local authority over emergency public alerting.

The Parties further acknowledge that each jurisdiction is responsible for establishing, configuring, maintaining, and updating user accounts, permissions, and mutual aid partner access within their respective emergency alerting platforms and systems.

#### CONTINUITY OF ALERTING OPERATIONS

Each Party shall maintain continuity procedures for emergency public alerting operations.

Continuity measures may include:

- Satellite communications systems
- Mobile internet systems

- Redundant communications platforms
- Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
- Regional dispatch coordination
- Remote IPAWS access capability
- Mutual aid alerting support from neighboring jurisdictions
- Backup power systems

#### TRAINING, TESTING, AND EXERCISES

The Parties agree to participate in periodic regional training, testing, and exercises involving:

- IPAWS
- WEA
- EAS
- Public information coordination
- Emergency communications
- Regional disaster response
- Multi-jurisdiction alerting operations

#### LIABILITY

Nothing in this Addendum shall be construed to waive any immunities, protections, or limitations of liability provided under Utah law, including the Utah Governmental Immunity Act.

Personnel acting under this Addendum remain employees of their originating jurisdiction.

#### EFFECT

Except as specifically supplemented herein, all terms and conditions of the Emergency Mutual Aid Interlocal Cooperation Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SIGNATURE PAGE – CARBON COUNTY

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Chair, Carbon County Commission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Carbon County Clerk/Auditor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CARBON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Carbon County Sheriff

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Emergency Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

The undersigned attorney for Carbon County has reviewed this Agreement and finds it in proper form and compliance with applicable law.

**CARBON COUNTY ATTORNEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Carbon County Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE PAGE – EMERY COUNTY

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**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: Emery County Clerk/Auditor

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**EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Emery County Sheriff

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Emergency Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The undersigned attorney for Emery County has reviewed this Agreement and finds it in proper form and compliance with applicable law.

**EMERY COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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**GRAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Grand County Sheriff

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Emergency Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

The undersigned attorney for Grand County has reviewed this Agreement and finds it in proper form and compliance with applicable law.

**GRAND COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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SIGNATURE PAGE – SAN JUAN COUNTY

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Title: San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

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**SAN JUAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: San Juan County Sheriff

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAN JUAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Emergency Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

The undersigned attorney for San Juan County has reviewed this Agreement and finds it in proper form and compliance with applicable law.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY ATTORNEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: San Juan County Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_