

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT  
FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FOR THE CONWAY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY OF CULPEPPER

Automatic Aid —

A program designed to provide and/or receive assistance from the closest available resource irrespective of municipal boundaries.

I. Intent:

- Persons experiencing the emergency receive a seamless service through the elimination of artificial service boundaries.

The implementation of an automatic aid program can enhance the level of public safety

- The concept of automatically dispatch the closest available assistance could reduce the critical element of time between the commencement of a fire or rescue and the application of an extinguishing agent to the fire and/or initiation of emergency operations
- Life, property, and environmental losses may be subsequently reduced and improve firefighter and public safety.
- Persons living or working in the defined potential areas would all stand to receive an improved level of service should an automatic aid program be implemented

II. Agreement:

For the purposes of this agreement, and automatic aid agreement means any agreement under which:

- A. A jurisdiction agrees to ensure the provision of an initial response to fires or other emergencies that may occur in a part of another jurisdiction where a fire department in the jurisdiction is capable of response more quickly than any fire department situated in the other jurisdiction
- B. A jurisdiction agrees to ensure the provision of a supplemental response to fires or other emergencies that may occur in a part of another jurisdiction where a fire department situated in the jurisdiction is capable of providing the quickest supplemental response to fires or other emergencies occurring in the part of the other jurisdiction.

III. Response Area:

For the purposes of this agreement, response area is the geographical area and/or physical location in which a jurisdiction shall provide or receive automatic aid.

The Conway County Fire Department shall provide automatic aid in the specified areas of the Community of Culpepper:

- Within the Community of Culpepper and its response area.

The Community of Culpepper shall provide automatic aid in the specified areas of the Conway County Fire Department:

- Within the Conway County Fire Department, the city shall provide automatic aid to the area of District 6 response coverage.

The Community of Culpepper and Conway County Fire Department hereby agree to automatic aid in concept and intent, recognizing the benefit of automatic aid to both the communities of Culpepper and Conway County Fire Department.

Additionally, Culpepper and Conway County Fire Department accept provisions as outlined in the operational procedural and response criteria set forth in this agreement.

In the event that the organization providing automatic aid is unavailable due to an existing fire, rescue, or other emergency within its primary jurisdiction or apparatus are out of service due to mechanical circumstance, the jurisdiction providing assistance is not obligated to respond to the jurisdiction receiving assistance.

#### IV. Response Operations:

For the purpose of this agreement, the response operations agreement means any agreement under which:

- A. A jurisdiction agrees to ensure the use of standard operation procedures (SOPs) in regards to fire and rescue training/tactics.
- B. A jurisdiction agrees to ensure the use of the Unified Incident Command System during the fire and rescue incident
- C. A jurisdiction agrees to ensure the use of a common fireground communication frequency.

#### V. Response Criteria:

The Conway County Fire Department:

The department shall provide one engine, one tanker, and one command vehicle as needed staffed with one officer for structure fire calls excluding automatic alarm activations.

The department shall provide one engine and one command vehicle staffed with one officer for motor vehicle accidents with entrapment calls, within the designated automatic aid area.

Additional resources, equipment, or personnel beyond what is specified in this agreement will require authorizing party approval.

Upon arrival, following incident size-up, the Incident Commander (IC) representing the Conway County Fire Department shall have the authority to cancel responding equipment or personal responding not essential to continued operations.

The Community of Culpepper Fire Department:

The department shall provide one engine company and one officer for structure fire calls excluding automatic alarm activations, within the designated automatic aid area.

Additional resources, equipment, or personnel beyond what is specified in this agreement will require authorizing party approval.

Upon arrival, following incident size-up, the Incident Commander (IC) representing the Conway County Fire Department shall have the authority to cancel equipment or personal responding not essential to continued operations.

This Agreement is made and entered into this day of July 29, 2024 by and between the Conway County Fire Department and Culpepper Fire Department through their duly authorized Agents to provide automatic assistance for fires and other types of emergency incidents as described under the terms of

this agreement.

 Asst. Chief


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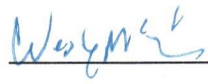
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