



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022 –

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Public Safety Committee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, Office of Emergency Management, law enforcement agencies, Emergency Medical Services, fire departments/fire companies or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1 and

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) – 5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act” App.A9-33 et. seq. provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency of centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency, and

WHEREAS, The Director of Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act,” N.J.A.C. 52:14&11 et. seq. commonly referred to as the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations “N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq. and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of this county, municipality and/or fire district to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Salem and other municipalities including (but not limited to) municipal Office of Emergency Management, police, Emergency Medical Service or fire departments, volunteer fire companies or EMS organizations and/or fire districts to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners and State of New Jersey as follows:

- A. That the County and its Departments are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Salem County Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between Participating Units, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions herein.
- B. That the Commissioner Director and Emergency Manager of the County of Salem are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement on behalf of the County of Salem.
- C. That the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith file a certified copy of this Resolution and an executed copy of the Agreement with the Salem County Office of Emergency Management. Said Office shall serve as the central repository and shall maintain a master listing of all Participating Units to the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

R. SCOTT GRISCOM, County Commissioner
Chair, Public Safety Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on April 6, 2022.


STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Ostrum, Jr.		✓	✓			
E. Ramsay			✓			
L. Ware			✓			
R.S. Griscom	✓		✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials _____