

Automatic Mutual Assistance Agreement

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WHEREAS the Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District (COCF&RD), Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District (SRRFPD), and Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (YRFPD) own and maintain equipment to defend life, property, and environment, and have a source of personnel for the operation of the same; and

WHEREAS these agencies share common boundaries with one of each agency; and

WHEREAS the above Districts have entered into an Automatic Mutual Assistance Agreement with each other in a separate document for the mutual protection of life and property within Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS the undersigned further recognizes that time is of the essence in emergency response inside and outside of each District's respective boundaries; and

WHEREAS the Willamette Valley Communications Center can dispatch multiple tones in quick succession to facilitate Mutual Assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained, the undersigned representatives of the above-listed Districts wish to initiate the following Automatic Mutual Assistance Agreement, to furnish equipment and personnel when assistance is necessary, having due regard to the prior commitments of the assisting bodies.

It is the purpose of this agreement to ask that:

- I. For Structure Fires (residential and commercial), Vehicle Fires, Priority 1 Motor Vehicle Accidents, High-Risk Grass/Wildland Fires, and CPR Medical Emergencies the above Districts agree to respond under this Automatic Mutual Assistance Agreement. For Fire Alarms the above Districts agree to standby, response ready, until the first arriving unit arrives and declares the need for assistance.
- II. For an emergency reported in SRRFPD, COCF&RD will respond with an Engine and personnel. For a Structure Fire in an un-hydranted area, COCF&RD will also respond with a Tender and personnel. YRFPD with one Engine and personnel will respond to COCF&RD Station 72 for south county coverage. If needed and available YRFPD will additionally respond to an un-hydranted area with a Tender.
- III. For an emergency reported in COCF&RD, YRFPD will respond with an Engine and personnel. For a Structure Fire in an un-hydranted area, YRFPD will also respond with a Tender and personnel. SRRFPD with one Engine and personnel will respond to COCF&RD Station 72 for south county coverage. If needed and available SRRFPD will additionally respond to an un-hydranted area with a Tender.

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- IV. For an emergency reported in YRFPD, COCF&RD will respond with an Engine and personnel. For a Structure Fire in an un-hydranted area, COCF&RD will also respond with a Tender and personnel. SRRFPD with one Engine and personnel will respond to COCF&RD Station 72 for south county coverage. If needed and available SRRFPD will additionally respond to an un-hydranted area with a Tender.
- V. In the interest of public safety, all Tender responses will be in accordance with the agency's guidelines regarding code 3 and code 1 responses.
- VI. The Incident Commander at any District's scene can ask for additional resources OR relocation of said resources if the need arises.
- VII. Each District has a primary responsibility to the citizens of its own District first. Automatic response may be declined if, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or Senior Officer, it cannot be provided without unreasonably reducing the level of protection within its own District.
- VIII. An Engine crew will consist of not less than one Apparatus Operator and one Officer or AIC Firefighter. Both personnel must be Entry Level in accordance with the Lincoln County Mutual Aid Plan. It is preferred that the crew remain under the supervision of the Officer or AIC Firefighter from their own agency. In the event that a District cannot respond with Entry Level personnel, they will be responding as "Support Staff" and shall not have SCBAs on to reduce confusion on the fire ground. Additionally, all helmets for non-entry personnel will be tagged with an orange decal(s).
- IX. Parties agree to release and hold harmless the other party(s) from any and all claims, actions, and judgments for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death to personnel, or equipment, as allowed under the law, as a consequence of the performance of this agreement.
- X. No reimbursement shall be made for costs incurred in the performance of this agreement unless otherwise agreed upon.
- XI. This agreement shall be effective among signatories when signed by an authorized director and Fire Chief of COCF&RD, SRRFPD, and YRFPD. This agreement shall be reviewed by all signatories and modified as necessary after one year from the effective date, and annually thereafter. In the absence of any formal review and modification, this agreement will remain in effect until revoked. Any signatory to this agreement may withdraw by providing 30 days' written notice to all other signatories.

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XII. The parties below have hereunto entered into this agreement on the last date listed below.

Director, COCF&RD	Signature	Date
Fire Chief, COCF&RD	Signature	Date
Director, SRRFPD	Signature	Date
Fire Chief, SRRFPD	Signature	Date
Director, YRFPD	Signature	Date
Fire Chief, YRFPD	Signature	Date