

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GALVESTON §

The parties agree as follows:

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- (b) the personnel, equipment, and resources of the Responding Fire Department being utilized in the response effort are under the operational control of the Requesting Fire Department;
- (c) direct supervision and control of personnel, equipment, and resources, as well as personnel accountability remain the responsibility of the designated supervisory personnel of the Responding Fire Department;
- (d) the designated supervisory personnel of the Responding Fire Department shall:
(1) maintain daily personnel time records, material records, and a log of equipment hour; (2) be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the equipment and other resources furnished by the Responding Fire Department; and (3) report work progress to the Requesting Fire Department; and
- (e) the Responding Fire Department's personnel and other resources are subject to recall at any time within reasonable notice through chain of command given to the Requesting Fire Department.

5. COMPENSATION.

- (a) If Responding Fire Department's automatic-aid assistance exceeds twelve (12) consecutive hours, the Requesting Fire Department shall reimburse the Responding Fire Department for its actual costs, including costs for personnel, operation and maintenance of equipment, damaged equipment, food, and lodging upon receipt of their reimbursement request.
- (b) The Requesting Fire Department shall pay the Responding Fire Department's reimbursement request from available funds. If federal funds are available to pay costs associated with the provision of automatic-aid assistance, the Requesting Fire Department shall make the claim for the actual costs of the Responding Fire Department on the Requesting Fire Department's sub-grant application. The Requesting Fire Department shall timely disburse the proportionate share of federal funds to the Responding Fire Department in payment of its reimbursement request.

6. LIABILITY.

- (a) The parties agree that the acts of any person or persons while fighting fires or providing rescue services, (except for traveling to or from fires or the emergency scene), or in any manner furnishing services in accordance with this Agreement or supplement hereto shall be considered as the act of the Requesting Fire Department

in all respects, notwithstanding that such person or persons may be regular employees or volunteer members of the Responding Fire Department, as appropriate. The payment of any and all civil liability resulting from the furnishing of services under this Agreement is the responsibility of the Requesting Fire Department to the extent permissible by law. This shall specifically include, but not be limited to, the payment of all court costs and attorneys' fees resulting from litigation.

- (b) It is expressly understood and agreed that the parties to this Agreement shall not be held liable to one another for the actions of any of its employees or volunteer members while in any manner furnishing services hereunder.
- (c) It is expressly understood and agree that the Requesting Fire Department shall not be liable for any acts or omissions of the Responding Fire department while traveling to or from fires or the emergency scene.

7. **IMMUNITY OR DEFENSE.** It is expressly understood and agreed that, by the execution of this Agreement, no party hereto is waiving, nor shall be deemed hereby to waive, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it or its members against claims arising in the exercise of its functions or activities.

8. **TERMINATION BY ANY PARTY.** If for any reason any party to this Agreement is unable or unwilling to carry out the terms of this Agreement or it becomes unduly burdensome for any party to continue participating under this Agreement, each party shall have the option to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice forwarded to the other party via certified mail, return receipt requested with appropriate postage affixed thereto and mailed to the following address:

SANTA FE FD on behalf of SFFD:

C.T. "Tommy" Anderson, Fire Chief
13112 Highway 6
SANTA FE, TX 77510

LEAGUE CITY on behalf of LCFD:

John Baumgartner, City Manager
300 West Walker Street
League City, TX 77573

9. **SEVERABILITY.** If, for any reason, any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the Agreement but shall be confined in its operation to the specific provision of this Agreement held invalid, and the invalidity of any provision of this Agreement in any one or more instances shall not affect or prejudice in any way the validity of this Agreement in any other instance.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Agreement shall commence on the date of the last signature hereto. This Agreement supersedes any other automatic-aid agreement or other arrangement existing between the parties.

CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS

CITY OF SANTA FE F.D., TEXAS

John Baumgartner, City Manager

Tommy Anderson, Fire Chief

Mike Lugo, Fire Chief

Date

Date

Attest:

Diana Stapp, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Nghiem V. Doan, City Attorney

