Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association
Local Fire Service Mutual Aid & Rescue Plan
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The Plumas County Local Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan is an extension of, and supportive document to, the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan. This plan supports the concepts of the Incident Command System, the National Integrated Emergency Management System, and multi-hazard regional response planning.

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Purpose of the Plan

1. To provide for rapid, systematic, and safe mobilization, organization, and operation of necessary local government fire and rescue resources to mitigate the effects of extraordinary events;

2. To provide an annually updated fire and rescue inventory of all personnel, apparatus, and equipment;

3. To promote recommended, standardized training and/or exercises for and between plan participants.

Planning Basis

No community has resources sufficient to cope with any and all emergencies for which potential exists.

1. Fire and rescue officials must pre-plan emergency operations to ensure efficient utilization of available resources.

2. Basic to California's emergency planning is a statewide system of mutual aid in which each jurisdiction relies first upon its own resources.

3. The California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of California, each of its counties, and those incorporated cities, towns and Fire Protection District's signatory thereto:
    - Creates formal structure for provision of mutual aid;
    - Provides that no party shall be required to unreasonably deplete its own resources when furnishing mutual aid;
    - Provides that the responsible local official in whose jurisdiction and incident requiring mutual aid has occurred shall remain in charge at such incident, including the direction of such personnel and equipment provided through mutual aid plans pursuant to the agreement;

4. Provides that the intra and inter-area and intra-regional mutual aid operational plans shall be developed by the parties thereof and are operative as between the parties thereof in accordance with the provisions of such operational plans.

5. Explains that reimbursement for mutual aid may be provided pursuant to a governor's disaster proclamation or, when conditions warrant, invoking the CFAA cooperative agreement.

6. In addition to fire and rescue resources, emergency operations plans should include both public and private agencies with support capability and/or emergency operation responsibilities.

7. Emergency operations plans should be distributed to, and discussed with, management, command, operational, and support level personnel within each planning jurisdiction.

8. Emergency operations plans are to be reviewed, revised, and updated every two years or as dictated to encompass changes gained through disaster operations and training, and changes in resource availability.

9. The Fire Chiefs of the parties to this plan shall have the authority to amend appendices and execute any documents required to implement such amendments.

Policies

The following policies form the basis of the Plumas County Local Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan. This plan presupposes that all member departments provide

the ability to handle normal incidents for their community, city, or district. Each jurisdiction shall make a major commitment of its own resources before calling for mutual aid.

1. Resources respond to the jurisdiction requiring mutual aid as requested in one or more of the following resource configurations:
    a. **Single resource** – any single fire suppression resource.
    b. **Alarm assignment** – to include personnel and necessary overhead support in a three-alarm matrix to be defined by each department. First alarm to be local resources and automatic aid; second alarm to include outside resources and personnel, etc.
    c. **Strike team** – five engines, one chief officer with specific combinations of the same kind and type of resource with common communications and a leader.
    d. **Task force -** a group of resources with common communications and a leader that may be pre-established and send to an incident or formed at an incident. One chief officer.
    e. **Structural protection task force** - a combination of resources, which includes two Type 1 engines, two Type 3 engines, water tender, and one chief officer.

2. The plan is intended to provide a common mutual aid operating system for all incidents, which will require a minimum of transition from day-to-day operations. Basic ICS positions are included as a beginning point in which to build an organizational structure and manage the incident. Agencies requiring an enhanced ICS structure should refer to ICS Field Operations guide 420-1.

3. The effectiveness of mutual aid resources is determined by the application of a predetermined system familiar to all agencies, thus basic systems have been included to provide an integrated approach known to all involved agencies.

4. This plan is not intended to deplete any department of apparatus beyond that to which it has agreed and committed. Companies that are already provided to the requesting agency by automatic aid or day-to-day mutual aid agreements are considered part of the maximum commitment under this plan.

5. Pre-designated strike teams will be available for response outside the county for major incidents starting in 2012.

6. Each jurisdiction shall be responsible for staffing reserve apparatus as soon as possible for any incident involving mutual aid.

7. Mutual aid companies may be utilized by the requesting jurisdiction at the scene to control the incident, to cover stations, or as staged resources for an emergency resource near the incident.

8. The minimum number of stations covered will be the acceptable level identified for the particular geographic region. If an agency determines that the minimum station coverage is insufficient, they are responsible for arranging a higher level.

9. Mutual aid resources are sent directly to the requesting agency with minimum delay. “Immediate need” requests within Plumas County suggest Code 3 response.

10. Apparatus responding under this plan shall serve under the authority and direction of the incident commander of the jurisdiction receiving the aid.

11. The Incident Command System shall be utilized for command and control of emergency incidents.

12. Each responding jurisdiction shall bear its own costs of operations, workers compensation, and insurance on its personnel and equipment.

13. The Plumas County OES Coordinator is responsible for implementation of and overall coordination of the CA State OES mutual aid plan. All mutual aid to or from outside the county is directed through the Plumas County OES Coordinator.

14. The Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association is responsible for the coordination and maintenance of this Local Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan.

15. The training of regular emergency personnel and specialized skills and text in the techniques is essential if each level of the fire and rescue service is to successfully discharge assigned emergency responsibilities to handle all-risk emergencies. Fire and rescue officials should identify key personnel with emergency assignments and ensure the adequacy of their training.

Authorities

1. California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government code, 1970s statutes.
2. California Master Mutual Aid Agreement.
3. Labor Code, State of California, and section 3211.92, Disaster Service Worker.
4. Government Code, State of California, Section 8690.60

Participating Agencies & Signatures

Select your entity:

- ☑ Beckwourth Fire Protection District
- ☑ Bucks Lake Fire Department
- ☑ Chester Fire Department
- ☑ Crescent Mills Fire Protection District
- ☑ Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Department
- ☑ Graeagle Fire Protection District
- ☑ Greenhorn Creek Fire Departmen
- ☑ Hamilton Branch Fire Protection District
- ☑ Indian Valley Fire Department
- ☑ La Porte Fire Protection District
- ☑ Long Valley Volunteer Fire Department
- ☑ Meadow Valley Fire Protection District
- ☑ Peninsula Fire Protection District
- ☑ Plumas Eureka Fire Department
- ☑ Portola Fire Department
- ☑ Prattville Fire Department
- ☑ Quincy Fire Protection District
- ☑ Sierra Valley Fire Protection District
- ☑ West Shore Fire Protection District

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Board Chair: Steve Munsen _____ **Date:** 12/9/23

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