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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Mullin, County Attorney
FROM: Walt Gossett, County Coordinator
SUBJECT: Mutual Aid Fire Fighting Assistance Agreement
DATE: February 21, 2002

Dictated but not proof read by
 Walt Gossett - Mailed in his
 absence to avoid delay *BA*

 I am in receipt of the attached agreement from the Camden County Board of County Commissioners, requesting our Board's signature. Please review for the legal requirements, make recommendations, and return to my office. Thank you.

3-11-02 approved
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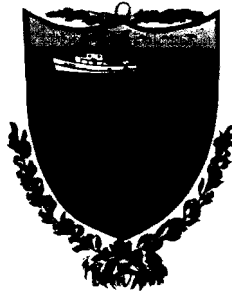
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February 20, 2002

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Nassau County Administrative Office
ATTN: Walter D. Gossett, County Coordinator
P.O. Box 1010
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

Re: Mutual Aid Fire Fighting Assistance Agreement

Dear Mr. Gossett:

Enclosed please find the original Mutual Aid Fire Fighting Assistance Agreement signed by Mr. Steve Berry, Camden County Board of Commissioners Chairman, and by Mr. Bill Shanahan, Camden County Assistant Administrator. {Mr. Barry King, our County Administrator, has been on active duty with the army since the September 11th attacks. He's due back in mid-March or early April. }

We politely request that you and your board chairman sign the document and return the original to us. We appreciate your assistance and your concern for citizens on both sides of the state line.

Sincerely,

Denise Etheridge
Denise Etheridge
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE

**Mutual Aid Fire Fighting
Assistance Agreement**

This Agreement, made and entered into this 5th day of February, 2001, by and between Camden County, Georgia and Nassau County, Florida.

Witnesseth:

Whereas, each of the parties hereto maintains equipment and personnel for the suppression of fires within its own areas; and

Whereas, the parties hereto desire to augment the fire protection available in their respective areas; and

Whereas, the lands or districts of the parties hereto are adjacent or contiguous so that mutual assistance in a fire emergency is deemed feasible; and

Whereas, it is the policy of Camden County and Nassau County to conclude such agreements wherever practicable; and

Whereas, it is mutually deemed sound, desirable, practicable, and beneficial for the parties to this agreement to render assistance to one another in accordance with these terms.

Now, therefore, it is agreed that:

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Whenever it is deemed advisable by the senior officer of a fire department belonging to a party to this agreement, or by the senior officer of such fire department actually present at a fire, to request fire fighting assistance under the terms of this agreement, he/she is authorized to do so, and the senior officer on duty of the fire department receiving the request shall forthwith take the following action:

- a. Immediately determine if the requested apparatus and personnel are available to respond to the call.
- b. In accordance with the terms of this agreement, forthwith dispatch such apparatus and personnel as in the judgement of the senior officer receiving the call should be sent, with instructions as to their mission.

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The rendering of assistance under the terms of this agreement shall not be mandatory, but the party receiving the request for assistance shall immediately inform the requesting service if assistance cannot be rendered.

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It is hereby expressly acknowledged and agreed between the parties that neither this agreement nor its terms shall be construed or applied so as to create or impose any "first response" duty or responsibility with regard to fires or emergencies within each others' respective jurisdictions.

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The loss, injury or damage to personnel or equipment in the rendition of mutual aid assistance pursuant to the terms of this agreement shall be born and imposed as if such loss, injury or damage occurred in the home jurisdiction of the personnel or equipment.

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No liability shall be imposed on either party to this agreement, their personnel or governmental entity for failure to respond for the purpose of extinguishing or controlling any fire or other immediate response emergency. This immunity is not exclusive of other similar immunities granted by statute or common law.

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The parties hereto waive all claims against every other party for compensation for any loss, damage, injury, or death occurring in consequence of the performance of this agreement.

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All services performed under this agreement shall be rendered without reimbursement of either party of parties.

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The senior officer of the fire department of the requesting service shall assume full charge of the operations. However, under procedures agreed to by the technical heads of the fire departments involved, a senior officer of the department furnishing the assistance may assume responsibility for the coordination of the overall operation.

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The various officers and personnel of the fire departments of the parties to this agreement are to participate in bi-annual training multi-company drills occurring one during the day and one at night. Both departments will alternate hosting the training.

Assistance under this agreement may be requested or authorized by either of the following officials:

For Nassau County

Chairman of County Commission
County Commission
County Coordinator
Fire Rescue Chief/Director
Assistant Fire Chief/Deputy
Fire Captain

For Camden County

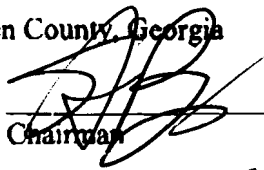
Chairman of County Commission
County Commission
County Administrator
Fire Chief
Assistant Fire Chief
Battalion Chief/Captain

This agreement shall become effective upon the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled by mutual agreement of the parties hereto or by written notice by one party to the other party with sixty (60) days notice of said cancellation. This agreement shall be subject to review for continuation every three years on the anniversary of the signing.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the day and year first above written.

Camden County, Georgia

By:


Chairman

Attest:


County Administrator

Nassau County, Florida

By:

Chairman

Attest:

~~County Coordinator~~
J. M. "Chip" Oxley, Jr.
Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to Form by the
Nassau County Attorney

Michael S. Mullin