

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND
FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA
FOR
FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS (AFG) GRANT**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter “Understanding”) is made and entered into this 18th day of December, 2024, by and between Nassau County, Florida, acting through its Nassau County Fire Rescue Department (hereinafter “NCFR”), and FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, acting through its Fernandina Beach Fire Department (hereinafter “FBFD”)(hereinafter collectively the “Parties” or individually the “Party”), for the purpose of applying for and sharing a regional asset consisting of a mobile air compressor/Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) refill unit for filling Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) (hereinafter the “Asset”).

WHEREAS, NCFR and FBFD are co-located in Nassau County, Florida and each provide Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) services to their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, NCFR and FBFD have had for several years, an Automatic Aid Agreement with one another to more efficiently provide Fire and EMS service to their adjoining jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, NCFR and FBFD desire to collectively attempt to apply for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant to provide for the purchase of a mobile air compressor/SCBA fill unit for the purpose of filling SCBA cylinders during and after fire related events in Nassau County and Fernandina Beach; and

WHEREAS, NCFR and FBFD desire to, if awarded, jointly share this Asset for the purpose of making the citizens of Nassau County and Fernandina Beach safer from fire related events by having the capability to refill needed SCBA cylinders when used; and

WHEREAS, the Parties anticipate that coordinated and cooperative participation in the use of this Asset will allow the Parties to provide greater protection to citizens living and working in the Response Area;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Parties do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose.** The purpose of this Understanding is to provide for the sharing of the “Asset”, if awarded the grant request from FEMA, to reduce the incidents of fire and fire related injuries to the citizens of their respective jurisdictions by having the capability to refill needed SCBA cylinders when used.

2. **Responsibilities of NCFR.** NCFR, EIN number 591863042, shall be the host department responsible for submitting the application with cooperation from FBFD, and for housing the “Asset” once it is received. Requests for use from FBFD will be made to the NCFR in order to prevent duplication of use.

3. **Responsibilities of FBFD.** FBFD, EIN number 596000317, will have full use and availability of the “Asset” when scheduled. FBFD will request use of the “Asset” through NCFR.

4. **Mutual Cooperation.** Recognizing that the purpose of this Understanding is to provide better fire safety to the citizens of each respective jurisdiction, the Parties agree that mutual cooperation will enhance this opportunity and provide a much-needed tool for each Party to use to help attain this goal. The Fire Chief of each department (or designee) will coordinate with each other for the use and scheduling of the “Asset”. Each Party shall ensure that the “Asset” is well maintained, fully cleaned after each use, fuel levels filled, and any deficiencies noted and reported to the other Party. The Parties agree to commit staff, equipment, and facilities as necessary to maintain the “Asset” in excellent condition. Routine maintenance of the “Asset” to include tires, general repair, and upkeep will be shared by the Parties. Any damages to the “Asset” shall be reported to the Fire Chief of the other department. The cost for repairing the damage will be the responsibility of the department that caused such damage.

5. **Term of Understanding.** The term of this Understanding shall commence on the date first written above and shall continue and remain in full force and effect as to all its terms, conditions, and provisions set forth herein for one year. Thereafter, this Understanding shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods until such time as either Party notifies the other Party in writing that it no longer wishes to continue the Understanding, or the “Asset” has reached the end of its useful life.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Memorandum of Understanding, in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH,
FLORIDA**

By: Caroline Best
CAROLINE BEST
City Clerk

By: Sarah J Campbell
SARAH CAMPBELL
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
[Signature]
CITY ATTORNEY

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By: _____
CAROLINE BEST
City Clerk


By: _____
SARAH CAMPBELL
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:

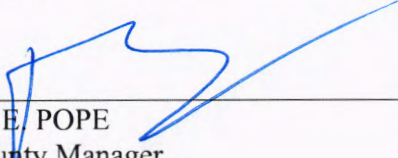


TAMMI E. BACH
City Attorney

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**



JOHN F. MARTIN
Its: Chairman



TACO E. POPE
Its: County Manager

**ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE:**



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE
NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY:**



DENISE C. MAY

RESOLUTION 2024-244

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, AND SHARE, A MOBILE AIR TRAILER; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County, acting through their respective Fire/Rescue Departments (herein: FBFD and NCFR), have an Automatic Aid Agreement to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) services within their adjoining jurisdictions to efficiently deliver life safety services; and

WHEREAS, the FBFD and NCFR desire to collectively apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters for the purpose of applying for and sharing a regional asset consisting of a mobile air compressor/Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) refill unit for filling Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), commonly referred to as a "Mobile Air Trailer"; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, FBFD and NCFR will jointly share the Mobile Air Trailer; and

WHEREAS, the City and BOCC wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate use of this asset among the FBFD and NCFR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Commission hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk and City Manager are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2024.

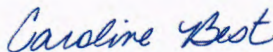
CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH



JAMES ANTUN
Commissioner – Mayor

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City Clerk



TAMMI E. BACH
City Attorney