



City of Bellevue

Mutual Aid

Efficient and Effective Public Safety

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What is Mutual Aid?



How Mutual Aid Works



Why We Need Agreements Like This?



Mutual Aid Examples



Importance of Mutual Aid



Mutual Aid Defined

In emergency services, **mutual aid** is an agreement among emergency responders to lend **assistance** across jurisdictional boundaries. This may occur due to an emergency response that exceeds local resources, such as a disaster or a multiple-alarm **fire**.

How Mutual Aid Works...

- Starts with local agency being overwhelmed by 1 large or several small emergencies.
- That agency's dispatch calls their respective neighbors dispatch for help.
- Request is evaluated by a Zone Liaison.
- Appropriate level of help is sent.

Limits of Mutual Aid

Resources are mobilized for regional, state or national incidents in concert with the respective county, state or federal mobilization plan.

- ✓ Occurs only when a local emergency's needs exceed local resources.
- ✓ Can also be for a specific discipline using specialized tools and specially trained personnel.

Regional Mutual Aid Frequency



Why We Need Agreements Like This...

- Neighbors helping neighbors;
- Usually short term in duration;
- Money does not change hands;
- Long standing best practice.

Mutual Aid Examples

King County Type Resources

Structure Fire Task Force	3 Engines, 1 Ladder Truck and 1 Battalion Chief
Engine Company Strike Team	5 Engine Companies and 1 Battalion Chief
Ladder Company Strike Team	3 Ladder Companies and 1 Battalion Chief
Basic Life Support (BLS) Strike Team	3 Aid/Medic Units, 1 MSO or Battalion Chief
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Strike Team	1 Medic Unit and 1 MSO (if requested)



The Importance of Mutual Aid

- Provides reliability to the citizens of our community.
- Ensures available resources to provide appropriate coverage.
- A cost-effective way to manage high impact incidents without investment.
- Efficient and effective public safety.



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