

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MESQUITE AND DALLAS COUNTY OUTLINING THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING AN AUTOMATIC ASSISTANCE RESPONSE BETWEEN THE CITY OF MESQUITE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DALLAS COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE.

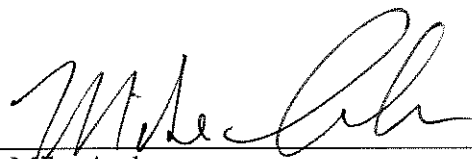
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Mesquite was authorized to enter into an Agreement for Mutual Aid in Disaster Assistance (the "Agreement") dated February 20, 1984, with the authorized County Judge of Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of the general membership of the Agreement, the Mutual Aid Master Plan (the "Plan") was developed under the auspices of the Mutual Aid Committee of the Dallas County Fire Chiefs Association for adoption with an effective date of January 1, 1985.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement for Automatic Assistance between the City of Mesquite Fire Department and Dallas County Fire and Rescue, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 3rd day of October, 2006.



Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Womack
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney



Memorandum of Understanding
Agreement for Automatic Assistance Between
The City of Mesquite Fire Department and Dallas County Fire and Rescue

This Memorandum of Understanding is authorized by the Fire Chief of the City of Mesquite and the Fire Chief of Dallas County Fire and Rescue in an agreement dated December 28, 2006 and is further authorized by approved Resolution #2006-64 of the City of Mesquite City Council (Attached).

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to outline the procedures for implementing an Automatic Assistance response between the City of Mesquite Fire Department, hereinafter referred to as "Mesquite" and Dallas County Fire and Rescue, herein after referred to as "Dallas County". This Memorandum is a guide for routine operations and is not intended to replace or adjust the agreement for Mutual Aid and Disaster Assistance currently in effect. Automatic Assistance rendered under this agreement shall be considered as a "pre-planned" mutual-aid response conducted under the authority of the existing Agreement for Mutual Aid and Disaster Assistance to which both jurisdictions are a party. The general provisions of said Agreement for Mutual Aid and Disaster Assistance shall be controlling except where such provisions are replaced by this Memorandum of Understanding.

I. Amount and Type of Assistance

This agreement is for the pre-planned exchange of Fire response services in the specified response areas as noted in this document. Fire apparatus will respond, if designated, in the stipulated response areas. Companies required in addition to a first level response will be requested in accordance with standing procedures as established in the Agreement for Mutual Aid and Disaster Assistance.

II. Response Areas

Fire Response areas will be determined by the mutual agreement of both Fire Chiefs on the basis of response time and available access to the affected areas and periodically reviewed for continued Automatic Assistance Coverage. It is specifically recognized and agreed that adjustments to the listed areas may have to occur in order to comply with the response districts and changes in response patterns occurring after acceptance of this agreement.

Southeastern Mesquite:

Dallas County will provide (from Dallas County Fire Station 1) first response water tender (firefighting tanker) to emergency incidents occurring within the boundaries of the City of Mesquite that fall within Kaufman County. (See attached Map)

III. Incident Command

It is agreed that both agencies will use the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) in the management of incidents in which there is a joint response. Upon arrival, the first arriving company at the emergency scene will assume Command in accordance with its Department's incident management procedure and promptly transfer such command to an officer of the department in whose jurisdiction the emergency is occurring. Nothing in this agreement will preclude an officer operating in a jurisdiction not his/her own from requesting additional resources as appropriate from the jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the emergency is occurring

IV. Communications Procedures

Communications procedures and related information will be provided at the initial training session and updated as needed thereafter.

Dispatching Procedures:

To expedite the initiation of response under this agreement, the City of Mesquite Communications Center will handle dispatching and other communications between Dallas County Fire Rescue and the Mesquite Fire Department. The communications operator in Mesquite will request/dispatch automatic assistance through established radio communications via tone out over the Dallas County Fire Rescue VHF repeater, followed by an additional alert tone to designate a Mesquite Automatic Aid request. Following the tone out the operator will announce the location and type of assistance needed in accordance with this procedure. The terms "Automatic Assistance" will be utilized to avoid any confusion with existing mutual aid procedures. Should the requested unit not be available, the requesting agency will be immediately informed so that another unit may be dispatched.

- Example of dispatch procedures for "Automatic Assistance"

"Dallas County Fire Rescue, this is Mesquite Fire Dispatch, Automatic Aid request for house fire at Mesquite fire has been dispatched. Go to Mesquite Fire Dispatch 2"

Future Enhancements:

Mesquite and Dallas County, and their respective communications centers of each agency, will explore methods of improving or interconnecting communications between all units of each department for the benefit of both departments during automatic assistance and/or mutual aid operations. The sharing of costs for any future enhancements will be determined at a future date following appropriate review by the communications personnel of each entity.

V. Limitations

If the agreed upon response from either department is not available or is temporarily depleted, the assisting department will advise the requesting department and need not respond. However, if a fill-in company is in quarters at a fire station that is part of this Agreement, that company will respond.

VI. Training

Joint training exercises are to be conducted as needed. The training exercises will be coordinated and observed by the respective training staffs of the two departments for the purpose of maintaining coordination in fire fighting procedures, dispatching, and communications. The following topics will be addressed within twelve (12) months of the approval of this Agreement:

- Apparatus and equipment familiarization
- Incident management /incident command for each Department
- Communications protocols
- Fire hydrant and water supply procedures


VII. Incident Reporting

The following guidelines will be followed for emergency incident reporting:


1. The City of Mesquite Fire Department will complete all necessary reporting for incidents involving automatic aide responses with Dallas County Fire Rescue that occur within the boundaries of the City of Mesquite.

VIII. Revisions


This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised or amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Fire Chief of the City of Mesquite and the Fire Chief of the County of Dallas.



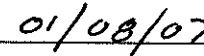
Mark Kerby, Fire Chief, City of Mesquite



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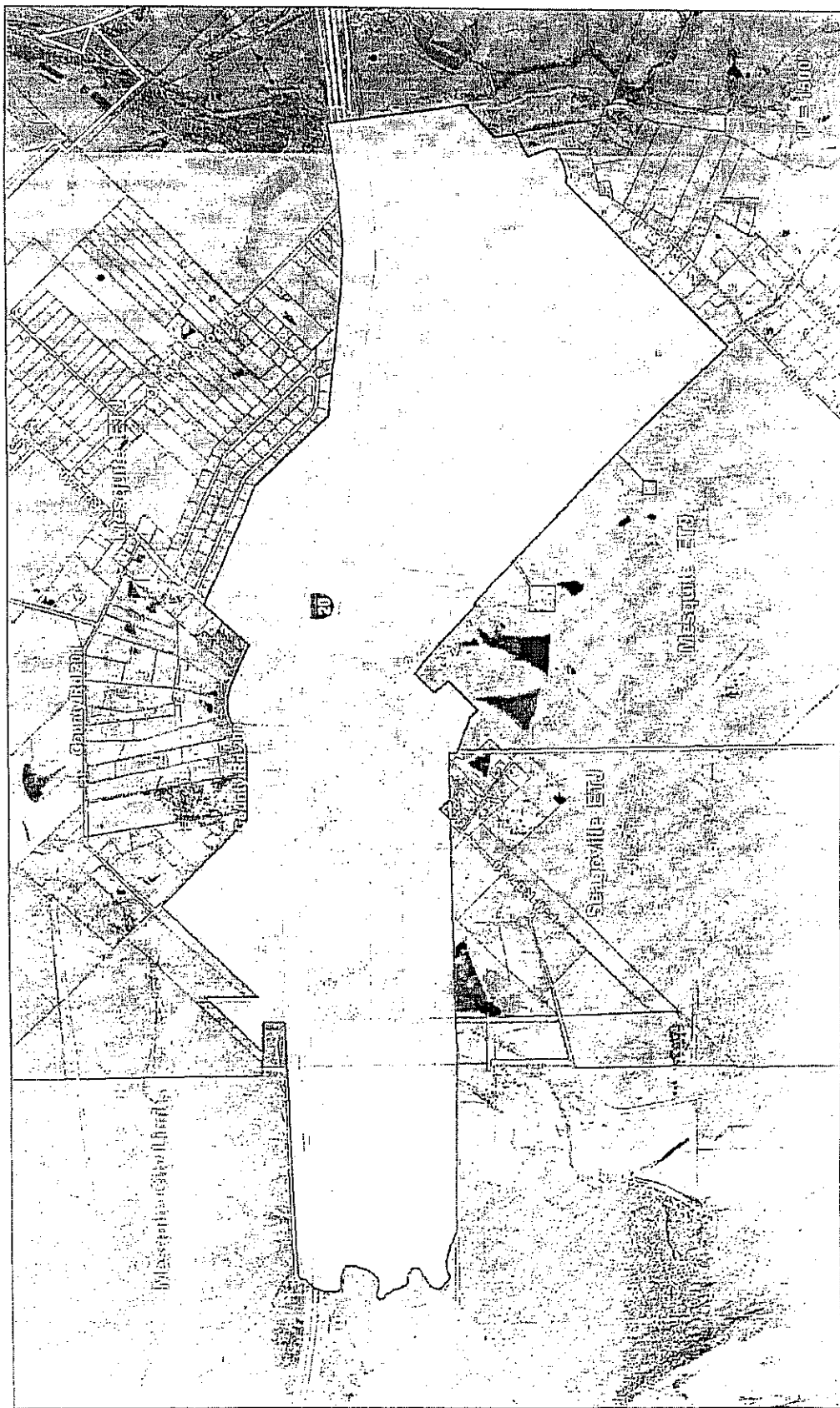
Joel Dulworth, Fire Chief, Dallas County







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Attachments: Response Area Map
Resolution #2006-64

Map to the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement



Legend

-  Boundary of New-Ashley
-  Mesquite ETD
-  Eastman County Council
-  Mesquite City Limit



MESQUITE

Eastman County Council

Map Produced on 8/16/06



MESQUITE ANNEXATION

T E X A S
Real Estate Service

Mesquite City Limits

Mesquite ETJ

Legend

- Mesquite ETJ Boundary
- Kaufman Streets
- City Limit

1 inch equals 2,139 feet

