

# North Central Region Major Incident Mutual Assistance Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into, by and between the undersigned emergency medical service (EMS) agencies of Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties as noted on page 4 of this agreement.

## **WITNESSETH:**

Pursuant to the development of the EMS and Trauma Care delivery system in the North Central region vested in the Regional Council by the authority of the provisions of RCW 70.168, the undersigned parties mutually agree as follows:

**WHEREAS**, each of the parties hereto maintains equipment and personnel for the purpose of responding to medical emergencies within it's own service area; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the parties hereto desires to supplement the available local area mutual aid resources of medical emergency, rescue, and other emergency response capability available in it's respective service area in the event of a disaster level emergency situation; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of these mutual covenants of the parties hereto, be it agreed that;

**SECTION 1.** This agreement shall be deemed effective when each party has approved this agreement and has filed a signed copy of this with the North Central Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council office.

**SECTION 2.** Whenever it is deemed advisable and appropriate by the officer in charge of the EMS agency of any party hereto by reason of a disaster level emergency medical or other emergency situation within such party's service area, he/she is authorized to request assistance under terms of this agreement from the appropriate participation party or parties.

**SECTION 3.** The officer in charge of the EMS agency requesting assistance (unless this authority has been delegated) shall assume full charge of the operations; however, personnel and equipment of the party rendering assistance shall remain under the immediate supervision of and shall be the immediate responsibility of the officer in charge of said party rendering assistance.

**SECTION 4.** The party rendering assistance shall be responsible for the delivery of requested equipment and manpower as requested, provided:

- A. The party rendering assistance under terms of this agreement shall not be required to make resources available or render services to any other party when by doing so, an unreasonable danger to lives and property of that party's service area would result.
- B. The party rendering assistance shall determine what resources and services can be reasonably provided within such limitation.

- C. Each party should insure that one ground ambulance; with adequate manning, be available for service within it's respective service area at all times, either with it's own resources or standby assistance, to provide a measure of protection to that area.

**SECTION 5.** The party requesting assistance under this agreement assumes no responsibility for the payment of services. It shall be responsible for providing, at the scene, operating supplies for the equipment and welfare items for personnel, as necessary.

**SECTION 6.** Each party hereto assumes responsibility for and liability for normal maintenance, repair, damage, personal injury or death arising out of the performance of this agreement. In the event there is any loss, damage, personal injury or death, or property damage arising out of the performance of this agreement caused by any party's negligence, then said party shall be responsible for such damage or injury and does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless any other party as to any such damage or injury, including all costs, expenses and fees. Each party agrees to maintain adequate insurance, not less than one million dollars, on its perspective operation, equipment and personnel.

**SECTION 7.** Each party to this agreement will establish a system within it's respective county, to mobilize requested resources, and each county will establish a single point emergency contact for resource requests.

**SECTION 8.** This mutual assistance agreement is in addition to existing local mutual aid agreements, and shall not supersede such agreements.

**SECTION 9.** This agreement shall take effect upon signature and filing in the North Central Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council and shall remain in force and effect until canceled by mutual agreement of all the parties hereto or by written notice by one party to all other parties giving thirty days notice in writing of such cancellation. This agreement shall be reviewed by each party every three years, with the next review to be completed by December 31, 2003

**I understand that this agreement is currently in effect for my agency, my signature below affirms my review of this document.**

Doug DeRose Chief CCFD #3  
Agency Representative Signature

4/9/2001  
Date

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North Central Region Representative

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