

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
ANCHOR POINT FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AREA /
KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2016, by and between ANCHOR POINT FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AREA (APFEMSA) and the KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA (KESA) for the provision of fire and emergency services as follows:

1. Mutual Aid Requests.
 - a. Aid may be requested by either service area in the form of personnel, equipment, facilities or materials for the purpose of assisting in fighting fires or responding to other emergency incidents.
 - b. Requests for aid may include direct response to the incident(s), cover assignments, or any other form of assistance needed.
 - c. Requests for aid shall include as much detail as circumstance and time allow.
2. Response to Mutual Aid Request.
 - a. The senior officer on duty at the requested service area shall determine whether to respond in whole, in part, or to deny the request based on a determination of what level of response can be provided without unreasonably limiting the requested service area's ability to meet its responsibility within its own jurisdictional area.
 - b. The senior officer at the requested service area shall promptly notify the requesting service area of the level of response, if any, the requested service area will provide.
 - c. Service areas that cannot meet a request should document in writing why the request could not be met.
3. Emergencies - Information Provided.
 - a. Upon dispatch by the requested service area, the requesting service area shall at a minimum:
 - i. Give concise directions as to the location of the emergency and/or to the location at which the requested service area's equipment/personnel will be staged;
 - ii. Describe the type of emergency, and provide a description of the planned utilization of the requested service area's resources; and
 - iii. Provide communications channels for command functions as well as any tactical channels.
4. Command Authority.
 - a. Upon arrival of the requested service area's resources at the incident scene, staging area or cover assignment location, all personnel, equipment, and

- materials shall remain under the command of the requested service area's senior responding personnel.
- b. The requested service area's senior responding personnel shall report to and operate under the direction of the requesting jurisdictional service area's Incident Command ("IC").
 - c. In no case shall any equipment be loaned for use to personnel who have not been trained in its use.
5. Responsibility for Costs & Liability.
- a. Each party desires to provide to the other a reasonable, professional and reciprocal exchange of fire response services on a day to day basis at no additional cost.
 - b. Each party shall bear its own costs for responding to a mutual aid request.
 - c. Each responding agency shall be responsible for its own liabilities incurred traveling to the scene, at the scene and returning to the station of origin.
 - d. In rendering emergency services, each agency will bear the responsibility for its own acts and any liability incurred by such acts.
6. Mutual Aid Withdrawal or Assignment Turn Down - Circumstances.
- a. After arrival at the incident, staging area or location of cover assignment, if it becomes necessary to withdraw a portion or all of such requested personnel, equipment or materials in order to meet an emergency situation in the jurisdictional area served by the requested service area, such withdrawal may be initiated at the sole discretion of the requested service area's senior personnel at the scene.
 - b. Turn down of an assignment may be made at the scene of an incident at the sole discretion of the requested service area's senior personnel, if she/he determines that the requested personnel, equipment, or materials are being exposed to unnecessary or unreasonable danger, or if the requested service area's personnel do not have the training or resources to accomplish the requested assignment.
 - c. The requested service area's senior personnel shall coordinate a withdrawal or assignment turn down with the requesting service area's IC in a manner that best mitigates consequences of a withdrawal or turn down of assignment to avoid endangering personnel and property of either service area.
7. Withdrawal from Agreement.
- This Agreement shall continue until either service area gives thirty (30) days' notice of its withdrawal, in writing, to the other service area.
8. Training.
- Joint training exercises shall be carried out at least annually under the direction of the Chief or Training Officers in each service area.

9. Annual Operating Plan.

- a. Annual operating plans shall be cooperatively developed by the service areas and become part of this Agreement upon execution by the Chiefs and Borough Mayor.
- b. The Annual Operating Plan in effect at the time of execution of this Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as "Exhibit A".

ANCHOR POINT FIRE & EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICE AREA

By: _____
Alford Terry, Chief
Date: _____

KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE
AREA

By: _____
Robert Ciccicarella, Chief
Date: _____

ANCHOR POINT FIRE & EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICE AREA BOARD

By: _____
Chair
Date: _____

KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE
AREA BOARD

By: _____
Chair
Date: _____

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

By: _____
Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
Borough Clerk

APPROVED as to Form and Legal
Sufficiency

By: _____
Assistant Borough Attorney