



EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Municipal Partners

Abington Township
Bryn Athyn Borough
Cheltenham Township
Hatboro Borough
Horsham Township.
Jenkintown Borough
Lower Gwynedd Township
Lower Moreland Township
Montgomery Township
Rockledge Borough
Springfield Township
Upper Dublin Township
Upper Moreland Township
Whitemarsh Township

Non - Municipal Partners

Abington Memorial Hospital
Abington School District
Ambler Community Ambulance
American Red Cross
Holy Redeemer Hospital
PECO
Second Alarmers Rescue Squad
Willow Grove NAS / JRB

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MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Our group consists of Emergency Management officials from the listed communities and other partner organizations in Eastern Montgomery County. Emergency Managers are the individuals responsible by law for coordinating a community's planning, response, and recovery from disasters and major emergencies. Since our communities are contiguous, our commitment is to work together as partners in all Emergency Management issues and incidents.

Pennsylvania Law requires municipalities to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements with our surrounding communities. Attached is a recently signed Mutual Aid Agreement that replaces the prior agreement executed by some of the municipalities in 1992. This new agreement has been updated to recognize today's emergency management standards, including the Department of Homeland Security's directive regarding the National Incident Management System, and other nomenclature.

Other non-municipal organizations have signed the agreement as a commitment to working with the municipalities to improve coordination and response in the event of a regional incident. We welcome and appreciate their participation.

*Emergency Management Officials of Eastern Montgomery County
August, 2005*

Partners In Planning, Response and Recovery

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This Agreement, made on the dates so noted, 2005, by and between the listed participants, all political subdivisions of Montgomery County, or organizations with a base of operation within Montgomery County, authorized by their duly elected and incumbent executive boards, board of directors, commanding officer or other duly authorized individual, herein referred to as the “Listed Participants”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7504 of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. Section 7101 et seq.) county and local coordinators of emergency management may develop mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions and local agencies for reciprocal emergency assistance, which mutual aid agreements shall be ratified by the government bodies of the involved political subdivisions or duly authorized individuals of the involved local agencies; and

WHEREAS, by mutual execution of this Agreement, the Listed Participants desire and intend to coordinate and formalize the agreements and arrangements relative to reciprocal emergency assistance by and between said Listed Participants;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, and intending to be legally bound, the Listed Participants hereby agree as follows:

- (1) The Listed Participants agree to furnish emergency services, as defined in Section 7102 of the Emergency Management Services Code, to each other upon request, upon a non-reimbursable basis. No Listed Participant shall present any claim of any nature against another Listed Participant for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring in consequence of the performance of the services called for in this Agreement. This does not, however, preclude the requesting party from replenishing or replacing supplies, materials or products loaned to that party by another after the disaster has been resolved (for example: sand, salt, lumber, etc.).

- (2) This Agreement shall apply only to the following circumstances and/or situations:
- (a) The dispatch of emergency service equipment and/or personnel by any of the Listed Participants in response to the occurrence or the threat of a man-made, natural or war-caused disaster;
 - (b) The distribution of materials, supplies, equipment and other forms of aid by and between the Listed Participants;
 - (c) The staffing and equipping of an emergency operations center responsible for coordinating the emergency response activities of any Listed Participant affected by an actual or imminent disaster emergency;
 - (d) The dispatch of emergency services equipment, material and/or personnel by any Listed Participant in response to the Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency declared by any of the Listed Participants;
 - (e) Response to incidents (actual or imminent) which endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public and which require the use of special equipment, trained personnel or personnel in large numbers than are locally available in order to reduce, counteract or remove the danger caused by the incident;
 - (f) Participation in mutual planning, exercises, drills or other training activities designed to train personnel to prepare for, cope with, or prevent the occurrence of any disaster emergency.
- (3) Any dispatch by any of the Listed Participants of emergency service equipment and/or personnel pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (a) Any request for aid hereunder shall state the amount and type of equipment or/or personnel requested, but the amount and type of equipment and number of personnel to be furnished shall be determined by a representative of the responding organization;
 - (b) All Listed Participants agree to manage all local disasters in accordance with their Emergency Management Plan, and following the generally accepted Incident Command System for Direction and Control;
 - (c) The responding organization shall be released by the requesting organization when the services of the responding organization are no longer required or when the responding organization is needed within its normal emergency services area. The responding organization once released by the requesting organization shall immediately vacate the area where it was determined by the requesting organization that their services were no longer needed.
 - (d) When a disaster or emergency extends beyond the jurisdiction of one Listed Participant, the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness will assist with the coordination of unmet needs and resources on a regional and/or County-wide basis, requesting assistance from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency when needed.

- (4) Plans for the orderly evacuation and reception of evacuees of one of the List Participants by another of the Listed Participants resulting from a disaster/emergency situation, shall be developed by representatives of the Listed Participants and their local emergency management services organizations. Such plans shall include the manner of transporting evacuees, the number of evacuees received at different locations, the manner in which food, clothing, housing and medical care will be provided, the registration of the evacuees and consideration of all other relevant factors.
- (5) This Agreement shall become effective immediately upon its ratification by the elected bodies or duly authorized officers of the Listed Participants. Duly authenticated copies of this Agreement shall, at the time of approval, be deposited with each of the Listed Participants and with the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency.
- (6) This Agreement shall continue in full force and remain binding on each of the Listed participants until the Executive Board, Board of Directors, Commanding Officer or other duly authorized individual of a Listed Participant takes action to withdraw herefrom. Such action shall not be effective until thirty (30) days after notice of the withdrawal has been sent by the Listed Participant desiring to withdraw to the other Listed Participants that are a party to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, by their Executive Board, Board of Directors, Commanding Officer, or other duly authorized individual, have executed this Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Services, the day and year so noted.

Municipal Partners:

Abington Township BY: Stanford A. Gross
 Title: President, Board of Commissioners
 ATTEST: Burton T. Conway, Manager
 Date: 14 April 2005

Bryn Athyn Borough BY: Andrew G. Nehlig
 Title: President, Borough Council
 ATTEST: Victoria S. Trost, Secretary
 Date: 8 August 2005

Cheltenham Township BY: Paul R. Greenwald
 Title: President, Board of Commissioners
 ATTEST: David G. Kraynik, Secretary/Manager
 Date: 15 March 2005

Hatboro Borough BY: Joseph Pantano
 Title: Borough Manager
 ATTEST: Victoria Connelly, Administrative Asst.
 Date: 25 April 2005

Horsham Township BY: W. William Whiteside
Title: President, Township Council
ATTEST: Michael J. McGee, Township Manager
Date: 9 February 2005

Jenkintown Borough BY: Charles Whitney
Title: President, Borough Council
ATTEST: Edwin H. Geissler, Secretary/Manager

Lower Gwynedd Township BY: Edward J. Brandt
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Larry M. Comunale, Secretary
Date: May 2, 2005

Lower Moreland Township BY: Kurt B. Mayer
Title: President, Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Alison Rudolph, Secretary/Manager
Date: 16 March 2005

Montgomery Township BY: Warren P. Greenberg
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Deborah A. Rivas, Asst. Secretary
Date: 14 March 2005

Rockledge Borough BY: Joseph Denelsbeck
Title: President, Borough Council
ATTEST: Keith S. Truman, Borough Manager
Date: 25 April 2005

Springfield Township BY: Glen A. Schaum
Title: President, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Donald E. Berger, Jr., Secretary
Date: 13 April 2005

Upper Dublin Township BY: Robert J. Pesavento
Title: President, Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Paul A. Leonard, Secretary/Manager
Date: 8 March 2005

Upper Moreland Township BY: Richard Booth
Title: President, Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: David Dodies, Township Manager
Date: 4 April 2005

Whitemarsh Township BY: Joseph P. Corcoran III
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: C. van de Velde, Asst. Twp. Secretary
Date: 10 March 2005

Non-Municipal Partners:

Abington Memorial Hospital

BY: Margaret McGoldrick
Title: Executive VP / Chief Operations Officer
ATTEST:
Date: 21 February 2005

Ambler Community Ambulance

BY: Thomas Hurd
Title: Chief of Operations
ATTEST: Daniel Citrone, Vice President
Date: 15 June 2005

American Red Cross

BY: Tom Foley
Title: CEO, Southeastern Chapter ARC
ATTEST: Armand Alessi, Dir. Emergency Services
Date: 20 June 2005

Holy Redeemer Hospital

BY: Michael B. Laign
Title: President, CEO
ATTEST: Mark T. Jones, Executive Vice President, COO
Date: 20 June 2005

Second Alarmers Rescue Squad

BY: Kenneth J. Schauder
Title: Secretary
ATTEST: Paul Bondo, Vice President
Date: 6 October 2005