

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOLIET FIRE
DEPARTMENT AND THE ELWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RELATED TO
AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City of JOLIET, Illinois (the “City”) is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet created and maintains the Joliet Fire Department (“JFD”) whose mission statement is to protect and enhance the quality of life in our community through education, active intervention, innovative prevention, and professional response.

WHEREAS, the Elwood Fire Protection District (“EFPD”) provides emergency services to areas within the Village of Elwood as well as portions of unincorporated Will County; and

WHEREAS, the JFD and the EFPD wish to acknowledge in this Memorandum of Understanding that the JFD and EFPD are working cooperatively to address their mutual interests in supporting the citizens of Joliet and greater Will County; and

WHEREAS, the City is a home rule unit of local government entitled to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to, the power and authority to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, obligations, and undertakings set forth herein, the JFD and EFPD agree as follows:

SECTION 1: In General.

The JFD and EFPD agree to provide automatic aid to improve fire and Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) and emergency response within designated areas for both agencies. The remainder of this agreement outlines response expectations, communication procedures, and operational responsibilities of each agency.

SECTION 2. EFPD Automatic Aid into JFD Jurisdiction. (Response 2 & 2A)

General. EFPD Station 1 provides automatic aid to JFD for fire types ACCINF, STRUCF, and TRUCKF, and first responder EMS response for CAD types AMCPR, AMUNCO, AMCHST, AMSTRK, and AMDOA. EFPD will initiate patient care and then transfer care to JFD, unless immediate transport by EFPD is necessary.

Areas within JFD include JFD CAD response 2 & 2A

Unit Availability. Should EFPD Station 1 be unavailable to respond to calls for service, JFD’s CAD response order shall be utilized.

Communications and Command. All operations within Joliet response areas will be conducted on the designated JFD Radio Channel. JFD will assume incident command, and all alarm upgrades will follow the appropriate JFD Box Card.

SECTION 3. JFD Automatic Aid into EFPD Jurisdiction.

General. JFD will provide automatic aid to EFPD for all fire and EMS incidents within EFPD's jurisdiction.

Communications and Command. All EFPD-area incidents will be dispatched and operated through WESCOM. EFPD will assume incident command upon arrival on scene.

SECTION 4. Other Agreements.

This document shall be the final embodiment of the Agreement by and between the JFD and EFPD. No verbal changes or modifications to this Agreement shall be permitted or allowed. Changes or modifications to this Agreement shall be made only in writing and upon the necessary and proper signature of the JFD and EFPD.

SECTION 5: General Provisions

- a. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction shall hold any provision of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, such holding shall not invalidate or render any provision hereto.
- b. The Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefits of the parties hereto, their successors and assigns.
- c. Venue for this agreement shall be in the courts of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois.
- d. Appendix A is attached hereto and fully incorporated into this Memorandum of Understanding.
- e. This Memorandum may be terminated by either party by notifying the other party in writing thirty (30) days prior to the termination date.
- f. Any notices under this Agreement shall be sent as follows:

SECTION 6: Notices

Notice of this MOU shall be sent to:

Elwood Fire Protection District
309 W Mississippi Street
Elwood, Illinois 60421

City of Joliet, Attn: City Manager
150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

City of Joliet
Attn: Legal Department
150 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

Joliet Fire Department, Station 1
Attn: Fire Chief
101 E. Clinton Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

The PARTIES agree that each shall be responsible to notify the other of any changes in notification procedures.

Date: _____

EFPD Representative

Date: _____

City of Joliet, City Manager

Date: _____

City of Joliet, Fire Chief

APPENDIX A

AREAS IN WHICH EFPD WILL RESPOND WITH AUTOMATIC AID TO JFD

JFD Response 2 & 2A



