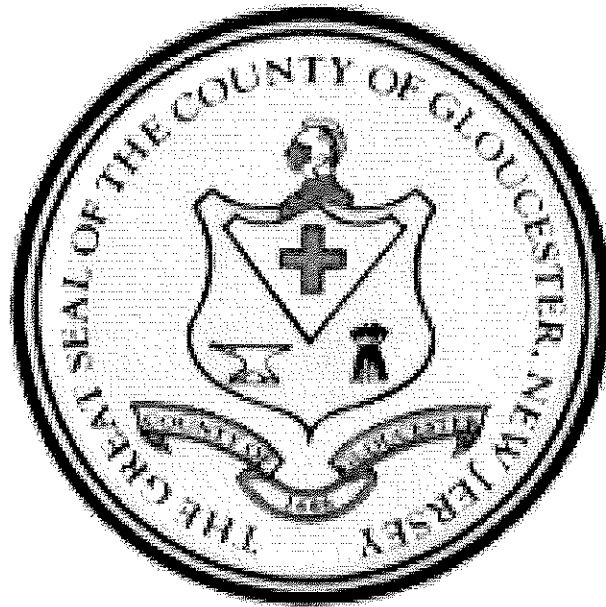


# **Gloucester County Fire Coordinator**



## **Mutual Aid Plan**

# GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE COORDINATOR MUTUAL AID PLAN

## I. Purpose

- A. To establish a countywide action plan for interaction of several fire departments and/or agencies to handle large scale or unusual incidents beyond the capabilities of a local jurisdiction.
- B. To provide a plan for the movement of apparatus, equipment and human resources to aid the fire service in management and control of emergencies within their jurisdiction.

## II. Policy

- A. It shall be the policy of the Gloucester County Fire Coordinator to oversee the development and implementation of the county mutual aid plan.
- B. It shall be the policy of the Coordinator to comply with established laws and regulations as they relate to implementing the county mutual aid plan.
- C. Each municipal fire department and/or fire district or company shall participate in the plan and develop plans for their communities with oversight from the County Fire Coordinator.

## III. Procedure

- A. Local Municipality
  - 1. The Chief or Municipal Fire Coordinator shall provide and update on an annual basis a complete inventory of apparatus and equipment to the County Fire Coordinator.
  - 2. The Chief or Municipal Fire Coordinator is responsible for establishing and updating on an annual basis a written Mutual Aid Plan for their municipality.
  - 3. The local plan shall include a hierarchy for at least four (4) alarms in each grid of their jurisdiction, to include Rapid Intervention Teams (R.I.T.) and cover companies.
  - 4. The plan as required by law shall be submitted to the County Fire Coordinator for approval.
  - 5. The plan will also be submitted to Central Communications by the County Fire Coordinator for entry into the computer system.

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**B. County Fire Coordinator**

1. Shall maintain an inventory of county fire service resources and submit it to the State Fire Coordinator on an annual basis.
2. Review all plans submitted by the municipalities and make recommendations as needed on an annual basis.
3. Develop and operate the County Mutual Aid Plan to assist the local Fire Chief.
4. Select and supply mutual aid equipment to other counties upon a formal request from other County Fire Coordinators, the Regional Fire Coordinators, the State Fire Coordinator or The Deputy State Fire Coordinators.
5. Develop and review the Fire and Rescue Annex of the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
6. Central Communications shall notify the County Fire Coordinator when an incident requires a Second Alarm dispatch.
  - a. This notification will be to put the Coordinator on notice of an escalating incident. The Coordinator or a deputy may elect to respond.
  - b. The Coordinator, deputy or both shall respond on any incident that reaches a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm dispatch.
7. Upon arrival the Coordinator shall meet with the Incident Commander and determine what if any additional resources may be needed.
  - a. The Coordinator shall work in concert with the incident commander to insure that enough resources are staged to handle potential needs of the incident.
  - b. The Coordinator shall work in concert with the incident commander to insure there are adequate cover companies in placed to handle additional responses in that region.
  - c. On major incidents using significant resources in a given region of the county, the Fire Coordinator will cause the movement of specialized equipment throughout the county to insure adequate fire protection. This may include movement of taskforces and strike teams per established guidelines for movement in or out of the county:
    - (1) Strike Teams
    - (2) Regional Taskforces
    - (3) Marine Taskforces and Strike Teams

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- (4) Foam Taskforces and Strike Teams
- (5) Water Tender Strike Teams

- 8. The County Fire Coordinator shall, as required, notify the state regional fire coordinator of all large-scale incidents involving apparatus from outside of Gloucester County.

C. Response to a Request for Mutual Aid

- 1. Units responding that have not been given specific orders shall report to the staging area.
- 2. If staging area has not been established, responding units will stop short and clear about a block away from the scene until directed otherwise.
- 3. A staging officer will be established on all large-scale incidents to track both personnel and apparatus.

D. Compensation

- 1. Fire Departments responding to a request for mutual aid shall not be compensated for manpower, apparatus or any other material goods other than as is provided in the Gloucester County Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement.

**IV. Closing**

- A. All fire departments in Gloucester County shall receive a copy of this plan. All Chief Officers shall become familiar with this plan.
- B. Any plan previously published that is in conflict with this plan is hereby rescinded.