

**AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF FIRE
PROTECTION SPECIALIZED, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORNING FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND THE TEHAMA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The purpose of this Automatic Aid Agreement (“AGREEMENT”) is to outline the procedures for carrying out an Automatic Aid response between the City of Corning Fire Department (“CFD”) and the Tehama County Fire Department (“TCFD”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the parties to this AGREEMENT provide fire protection, medical services, specialized and rescue services within their respective jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, although it is understood that TCFD personnel may be unavailable to respond at times, whenever feasible, it is in the interest of public health, safety, and the best use of available resources for TCFD to respond to fires and vehicle accidents within CFD Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, although it is understood that Corning Fire Department personnel may be unavailable to respond at times, whenever feasible, it is in the interest of public health, safety, and the best use of available resources for CFD to respond to fires and vehicle accidents within TCFD Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of CFD and TCFD to provide the most expeditious response to suppress fires and render other emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, each party is desirous of providing a reasonable and reciprocal exchange of emergency services on a day-to-day basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals, which are hereby incorporated into this AGREEMENT, and the following terms, covenants and conditions, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. REVISIONS

This Letter of Agreement may be revised or amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Fire Chiefs of CFD and TCFD. All amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the persons authorized to bind the parties thereto. It is agreed that substantial reductions or modifications of services by any of the agencies shall be cause for reconsideration of the Agreement.

CFD
Fire Chief
814 Fifth St.
Corning, CA 96021

TCFD
Fire Chief
604 Antelope Blvd
Red Bluff, CA 96080

2. TERM

This Agreement shall commence once executed by all parties hereto, on or after June 1, 2025, and shall remain operative until April 1, 2030. The parties shall meet on or about November 1, 2029, to begin review and revision meetings. Any of the parties may terminate the AGREEMENT at any time by giving written notice to the other parties at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of withdrawal.

3. MUTUAL BENEFIT

CFD and TCFD intend that this AGREEMENT will provide mutual benefits to each party. The Fire Chiefs of CFD and TCFD are hereby authorized to identify and revise as they deem necessary any designated areas or types of response periodically as may be dictated by changing conditions and requirements of mutual benefits to each party.

4. RESPONSE AREA

CFD to TCFD

A single CFD engine will be automatically requested, and dispatched when available to all fires and traffic accidents, within any portion of the response area as follows:

Rawson Road X Liberal Ave to Rawson Road X Finnel Ave
Finnel Ave X Rawson Road to Hwy 99 West to Orangewood Road
Orangewood Road X Hwy 99 West to Hall Road
Hall Road to Capay Road
Capay Road to Hwy 99 West
Hwy 99 West to Liberal Ave
Rolling Hills Casino property

TCFD to CFD

A single TCFD engine will be automatically requested, and dispatched when available to all fires and traffic accidents, within any portion of the response area as follows:

Salano Street X Hwy 99 West
Hwy 99 West X Colusa Street
Colusa Street X 1st Street
1st Street X Blackburn Ave
Blackburn Ave X N. Marguerite Ave
N. Marguerite Ave X Neva Ave
Neva Ave X East Ave
East Ave X Hoag Road

5. INCIDENT COMMAND

The first agency to arrive on scene will assume command of the incident, direct, and coordinate emergency services. All incidents within CFD jurisdiction, the highest ranking responding Corning Fire Department Officer will assume command upon arrival at scene. To maintain proper incident command structure, the Emergency Command Center (“ECC”) and units at the scene will establish and maintain a single point of contact at all incidents, designated as the Incident Commander. The ECC shall verify with the highest-ranking responding officer of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (“AHJ”) (if not already at scene) on all incident resource decisions that augment, release, or divert responding units prior to implementation.

6. INITIAL DISPATCH

On automatic aid dispatches, when possible, simultaneous dispatching for both agencies shall occur. To the extent extenuating circumstances disrupt simultaneous dispatch, the agencies shall respond as follows:

Upon receipt by CFD of an alarm within a designated area located within their jurisdiction, CFD (as the jurisdictional Department) will dispatch its nearest available and appropriately designated response to that alarm and also notify TCFD dispatch who will, in turn, dispatch the agreed-upon automatic-aid TCFD response.

Upon receipt by TCFD of an alarm within a designated area located within their jurisdiction, TCFD (as the jurisdictional Department) will dispatch its nearest available and appropriately designated response to that alarm and also notify a CFD dispatch who will, in turn, dispatch the agreed-upon automatic-aid CFD response.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

When TCFD units are responding to CFD emergencies, CFD radio frequencies will be used after initial dispatch. When CFD units are responding to TCFD emergencies, TCFD ECC will assign frequencies during dispatch. The assigned incident command frequency shall be used to relay information to the ECC such as “responding”, “at scene”, “report on conditions”, “requests for resources”, or pertinent information. The assigned incident tactical frequency shall be used for on scene operations. Secondary tactical channels may be assigned from either department based on need.

8. CONTROL OF PATIENTS

Patient care shall be transferred to the transporting agency as soon as practically possible. TCFD will remain available to assist, within their protocols, as requested by the lead EMT, Paramedic, or Flight Nurse of the transporting agency.

9. TRAINING

Due to the potential high frequency auto aid response, CFD and TCFD shall make a good faith effort to conduct joint training exercises at least once per year. These training exercises shall be coordinated between each agency's executive personnel responsible for training. The focus of the training exercises will be to ensure better service the community, maintain safety, enhance coordination and understand each agency's capabilities.

10. CONSIDERATION

Notwithstanding Section 4, no party furnishing aid pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered to the requesting agency, it being understood that the respective covenants contained in this AGREEMENT shall constitute the sole consideration for such services.

11. RECIPROCITY

CFD will restock disposable medical supplies that were used by TCFD on CFD calls that CFD has the authority to bill for (i.e. – oxygen, c-collars, bandages, etc.). TCFD shall coordinate all exchanges, restocking, and supply ordering through the CFD EMS Officer.

12. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFIT

This AGREEMENT shall not be construed as, or deemed to be, an agreement for the benefit of anyone not a party hereto, and anyone who is not a party hereto shall not have a right of action hereunder for any cause whatsoever.

13. HOLD HARMLESS

Each of the parties in this agreement does hereby expressly waive claims against the other party, which said party, officers, agents, or employees could assert against the other party for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring in consequence of performing under this agreement.

It is mutually understood and agreed that the party requesting assistance is not required to indemnify the party furnishing assistance as to liability or damage imposed by law upon assisting party for any act or omission of the assisting party or its employees occurring in the performance of services.

14. WORKERS COMPENSATION

Each party shall be required to provide, at its sole expense, the Workers Compensation Insurance coverage necessary for its own employees. It is recognized that at such times as one party provides aid to the other pursuant to the terms of this agreement, the employees of one may be contended to have become special employees of the other temporarily; should this agreement

result in any worker's compensation claims being asserted. It is hereby agreed that each such claim shall be the responsibility and liability of the general employer to process, defend, pay (if necessary), and each party agrees to assume such responsibility as its own general employees and to hold the other party harmless as to such claims.

15. NO EFFECT ON MASTER MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

It is mutually understood that this AGREEMENT will in no way affect or have a bearing on any existing mutual aid agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this AGREEMENT has been executed on the _____ day of _____, 2025 and is effective and operative as to each of the parties as herein provided.

Corning Fire Department

Tehama County Fire Department

Signed by:
Signature: Tom Tomlinson
Tom Tomlinson – Fire Chief

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Signature: Monty Smith
Monty Smith – Fire Chief