

**APPENDIX B
KITTITAS COUNTY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between all participating Fire Departments, Fire Districts, Hospital Districts, Public Works, and Law Enforcement Agencies in Kittitas County, Washington.

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the resources and facilities of the various political subdivisions, municipal corporations, and other public agencies in Kittitas County be made available to render assistance to each other in mass casualty incidents, multiple emergencies, or fire suppression or medical responses beyond the capabilities of local agencies; and

WHEREAS, fire suppression and EMS equipment, facilities, and trained personnel are available throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement of this nature is authorized under RCW 38.52; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that an appropriate Agreement be executed for the interchange of such mutual aid;

KNOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between each and all parties hereto as follows:

1. Whenever the commanding officer of a jurisdiction having the authority, or the commanding officer of any such jurisdiction or its contracting agent actually present at a mass casualty incident, or because of circumstances, determines multiple fire suppression or medical responses are warranted, he/she is authorized to request mutual aid under the terms of this Agreement.
2. It is understood that unless adopted Agreements dictate otherwise, all services and/or resources provided under the terms of this Agreement are furnished and supplied voluntarily and at the discretion of this furnishing agency. The furnishing agency shall have the primary interest of protecting the welfare of its own constituency and does not assume any responsibilities or liabilities in not providing resources and/or services to other parties of this Agreement.
3. All calls for assistance will come from the Fire Chief/Incident Commander or his authorized agent. Apparatus and personnel responding to mutual aid calls will report to and work under orders of the Chief/Incident Commander or an authorized agent of the department where the fire or emergency occurs. Furthermore, requests from Law Enforcement/Hospital Districts for contamination wash downs and personnel decontamination will be handled according to established SOP's and/or SOG's. The closest available service provider (Fire Department) should respond to the scene per this agreement.

