

**RESOLUTION NO. 183**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL,  
TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FIRE  
CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY  
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Anno. §12-9-101 et seq. authorizes municipalities and agencies of the State of Tennessee to enter into such inter-local agreements for mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, The health and welfare of the citizens of Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee will be improved by entering into such an agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Chief recommends execution of the attached Mutual Aid Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Mount Carmel Municipal Code section 1-401 et seq. allows the Mayor to negotiate such agreements and present same to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for its approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Fire Chief are authorized to execute on behalf of the town the mutual aid agreement attached hereto as exhibit A.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage the public welfare requiring it.

Duly passed and approved this 27 day of May, 1999.

  
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JAMES L. DEAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Carter  
NANCY F. CARTER, Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael A. Faulk  
LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. FAULK

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
WAYNE ALLEY			
HENRY BAILEY	✓		
EUGENE CHRISTIAN	✓		
JAMES DEAN, MAYOR	✓		
GARY LAWSON			
THOMAS WHEELER	✓		
CARL WOLFE	✓		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

PASSED FIRST READING:

May 27, 1999

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR RURAL FIRE DEFENSE

BETWEEN THE Mount Carmel VFD

AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY DIVISION

Because of the intermingling of structures and natural cover fuels in areas of Hawkins County, the objectives of the two above-mentioned organizations are inseparable, to minimize the loss of life and property as a result of uncontrolled fire. We, the undersigned, have arrived at this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING for these primary purposes:

1. Provide for closest possible cooperation on mutual objectives.
2. Prevent misunderstandings as to purpose and responsibilities of each organization.
3. Make possible effective support between organizations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. AREA COVERED:
2. SOURCE OF FUNDS:
3. FACILITIES: (a) Equipment:  
(b) Manpower:

4. TYPE ORGANIZATION: Volunteer Fire Dept.

FORESTRY DIVISION

1. AREA COVERED: The County of Hawkins, except for incorporated areas, and Federal lands not under specific agreement.
2. SOURCE OF FUNDS: Primarily state appropriations, supplemented by county fire control assessments and federal matching funds.
3. FACILITIES: (a) Equipment: 1 JD 400 crawler; 2 Portable pumps  
(b) Manpower: 3 Full-Time employees; 12 Seasonals

4. RESPONSIBILITIES: To provide reasonable basic protection from uncontrolled fires occurring in natural cover fuels; to conduct a fire prevention program; to encourage and assist landowners in the use of accepted forestry practices; and to aid in the reforestation of idle forest lands.

#### OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

##### 1. DISPATCHING:

(a) The Forestry Division will dispatch a crew to any known forest/brush/grass/etc. fire, or to any fires of unknown character.

##### 2. COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) The Forestry Division will immediately advise the Fire Department of any burning or threatened structure within the area.

(b) The Fire Department will immediately advise the Forestry Division of any burning or threatened natural cover fuels within the area.

##### 3. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE:

(a) Suppression. When both agencies are at the same fire, the overall supervisory responsibilities shall lie with the agency concerned most directly with what is burning. If both woods and structures are on fire simultaneously, each agency shall attend its normal responsibility, and/or play a supporting role to the other.

(b) Training. Each agency agrees to attend/participate/assist/etc. in the other agency's training program.

(c) Other. Each agency agrees to lend its support to program of the other which will increase the public awareness of the hazard and destruction of fire and/or make the objectives of this MEMORANDUM possible.

MEMORANDUM

This memorandum shall be effective when signed by both parties. It continues in effect unless and until either party gives thirty (30) days notice in writing to the other party.

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION

THE Mount Carmel FIRE DEPT.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: X \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

TITLE: STATE FORESTER

TITLE: Chief

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Gentleman  
from Forestry  
Div. Came by  
to pick up &  
take for signatures  
June, '99