



# Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

ORIENTATION

**TOPIC:** Mutual Aid Plans

**TIME FRAME:** 30 Minutes

**LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:**

**BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:**

*Condition:* A written quiz

*Behavior:* The student will identify the types and functions of a mutual aid plan

*Standard:* With a minimum of 70% accuracy

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- Chalk
- Chalkboard
- Appropriate visual aids
- Audio visual equipment

**REFERENCES:**

- CDF, Cooperative Fire Services Handbook (8500)
- OES, California Fire and Rescue Emergency Plan

**PREPARATION:** California communities have historically utilized mutual aid to combat fires which exceed the capability of a single jurisdiction. Mutual aid is an integral part of California's fire defense system. The increased potential for catastrophic losses in lives and property resulting from a disaster and the economic factors involved in providing adequate fire protection mandate an understanding of the functions of a mutual aid plan.



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## PRESENTATION

## APPLICATION

### I. MUTUAL AID

A. Mutual Aid is an Agreement in which Two or More Agencies Agree to Help Each Other when Emergency Conditions Exist Within the Jurisdiction of a Local Agency that Overwhelms the Services, Personnel, Equipment and Facilities of that Agency.

What does the term "mutual aid" mean?

B. There are Two Basic Types of Mutual Aid

What are two different types of mutual aid?

1. Voluntary mutual aid
2. Mandatory mutual aid

C. Voluntary Mutual Aid

1. Mutual aid is considered voluntary when an agency enters into an agreement either verbally or in writing
2. Written agreements specify exactly what and how much of a department's resources may be committed during local and state emergencies
3. Local emergencies include conditions within the territorial limits of a local agency
4. A state of emergency may be declared which includes any single city, county or combination of both

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| <p>D. Mandatory Mutual Aid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mutual aid under a state of war emergency is mandatory</li><li>2. A state of war emergency exists whenever this state or nation is attacked by an enemy or upon receipt of warning from the federal government indicating that such an attack is probable or eminent</li></ol> | <p>Under what circumstance would mutual aid become mandatory?</p>                              |
| <p>E. Emergencies that would Necessitate Mutual Aid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Air pollution</li><li>2. Extraordinary fire</li><li>3. Wildland fires</li><li>4. Flooding</li><li>5. Storms</li><li>6. Earthquake</li><li>7. Hazardous materials releases</li><li>8. Other large catastrophic emergencies</li></ol>                   | <p>What are some types of emergencies that could require mutual aid plans to be activated?</p> |



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| <p>F. Automatic Aid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Automatic aid is when two or more agencies respond automatically across jurisdictional borders to render mutual assistance in combating emergencies by prior agreement</li><li>2. Typical automatic aid would include emergency responses where the potential exists for extreme losses of life and property</li></ol> <p>G. Federal Agencies Used For Mutual Aid Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Environmental Protection Agency</li><li>2. United States Coast Guard</li><li>3. Corps Of Engineers</li><li>4. Federal Emergency Management Agency</li><li>5. United States Forest Service</li><li>6. National Weather Service</li><li>7. Nuclear Regulatory Commission</li><li>8. Department Of Commerce</li><li>9. Department Of Transportation</li><li>10. Bureau of Land Management</li></ol> | <p>What are some examples of situations where automatic aid would apply?</p> <p>What are some examples of federal agencies that could provide mutual aid assistant?</p> |

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| <p>11. Bureau of Indian Affairs</p> <p>H. State Agencies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. California Highway Patrol</li><li>2. Health Department</li><li>3. State Fire Marshal</li><li>4. California Youth Authority</li><li>5. Department Of Transportation</li><li>6. National Guard</li><li>7. Office Of Emergency Services</li><li>8. California Conservation Corps</li><li>9. Department Of Corrections</li></ol> <p>I. Local Agencies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. County agencies</li><li>2. Municipal agencies</li><li>3. Volunteer groups</li></ol> | <p>What are some state agencies that could respond to a mutual aid request?</p> <p>What are some local resources that could be requested to provide mutual aid assistance?</p> |



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### J. Industry And Private Organizations

1. Chemical manufacturers
2. Chemical processors
3. Chemical users
4. Petroleum companies
5. Truckers

What are some examples of industry and private organization resources that could be requested to provide mutual aid assistance?

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## ***SUMMARY:***

The key to successful fire service emergency operation planning is knowledge. All fire fighters must be aware of potential resources that are available from local, county, state, and federal agencies as well as those found in the private sector. Prior knowledge of available resources will ensure a rapid and efficient request for specialized equipment for any type of emergency.

## ***EVALUATION:***

A written quiz

## ***ASSIGNMENT:***

To be determined by the instructor(s)