

**MUTUAL ASSISTANCE**  
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**DEFINITION**  
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Mutual aid is a reciprocal agreement between two or more fire agencies wherein each agrees to assist the other under certain conditions. Providing mutual aid is permissible on the part of the responding agency, based on its ability at the time the aid is requested. Responding mutual aid forces become subject to the direction of the chief of the requesting agency or to the incident commander, if assigned directly to an incident.

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