

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 18, 2014 Agenda**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Fire Department Automatic Aid and MABAS Updated Agreements	✓ Resolution ✓ Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	James Jackson, Fire Chief

**SYNOPSIS**

Resolutions have been prepared to authorize the approval of updated fire department automatic aid agreements with neighboring communities and an ordinance has been prepared to authorize an amendment to the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) agreement.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Strategic Goals for 2011-2018 identified *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact related to this motion.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the November 11, 2014 Village Council meeting. Staff recommends approval on the November 18, 2014 Consent Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village has automatic aid agreements with neighboring communities that stipulate that the agencies may simultaneously respond to emergencies. The Village's automatic aid partners include the Darien Woodridge Fire District, Lisle Woodridge Fire District, Lombard Fire Department, Oak Brook Fire Department and the Westmont Fire Department. The agreements require updating to reflect current operating procedures.

The Village also belongs to Illinois' mutual aid system, which allows the Village to request and send aid to other agencies. The updated agreement from MABAS is to clarify reimbursement language necessary to comply with FEMA regulations that would allow MABAS members to receive reimbursement for aid provided for extended periods during federally declared emergencies.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolutions  
 Ordinance  
 Darien Woodridge Fire District Agreement  
 Lisle Woodridge Fire District Agreement  
 Lombard Fire Department Agreement  
 Oak Brook Fire Department Agreement  
 Westmont Fire Department Agreement  
 MABAS Contract Addendum

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING  
FOR AUTOMATIC AID BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
AND THE DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the form and substance of a certain Agreement (the “Agreement”), between the Village of Downers Grove (“Downers Grove”) and Darien-Woodridge Fire District (“DWFD”), providing for automatic aid in the event of fire or disasters, and other matters related thereto, as set forth in the form of the Agreement submitted to this meeting with the recommendation of the Village Manager, is hereby approved.

2. That the Village Manager and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver the Agreement, substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph of this Resolution, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.

3. That the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Manager

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

## Automatic Aid Agreement

The Darien-Woodridge Fire District (“DWFD”) and the Village of Downers Grove (“Downers Grove”) are entering into this Automatic Aid Agreement (“Agreement”) this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

### **Purpose of Agreement**

To provide, in the case of an emergency, a squad company, engine company, truck company, medic unit and/or Chief Officer, to be dispatched simultaneously with equipment and personnel to the community experiencing an emergency to predetermined areas.

### **Definitions**

- A. Stricken Department. A fire department which is experiencing an emergency.
- B. Aiding Department. A fire department furnishing equipment, personnel and/or services to a Stricken Department.
- C. Emergency. An occurrence or condition in a Stricken Department’s territorial jurisdiction which results in a situation of such magnitude and/or consequence that it cannot be adequately handled by the Stricken Department.
- D. Automatic Aid. The automatic dispatch of an Aiding Department to a Stricken Department in a predetermined area upon the receipt of a report of an Emergency.
- E. Party or Parties. DWFD and/or Downers Grove.
- F. MABAS. Mutual aid box alarm system.

### **Dispatching**

#### **A. Downers Grove Incidents:**

The Downers Grove Village Operations Center (VOC) shall direct all requests for Automatic Aid from DWFD to DuComm via IFERN. If unable to contact on IFERN after two (2) attempts, the VOC shall utilize an emergency phone line (630-260-7512), to make notification. The VOC shall identify specific vehicles requested by Downers Grove. The VOC will advise responding DWFD personnel of the Downers Grove Fire Department Incident Command designation. Responding DWFD personnel will communicate directly with the VOC for the duration of the incident.

#### **B. DWFD Incidents:**

DWFD shall direct all requests for Automatic Aid from Downers Grove to DuComm, via IFERN. If unable to contact on IFERN after two (2) attempts, DuComm shall utilize emergency

phone line (630-968-2121), to make notification. DuComm shall identify specific vehicles requested by DWFD. DuComm will advise responding Downers Grove personnel of the DWFD Incident Command designation. Responding Downers Grove personnel will communicate directly with DuComm for the duration of the incident.

### **Cancellation of Aiding Department**

In the event that the Stricken Department's first arriving company determines as a result of their investigation that there is no Emergency, the Stricken Department's Incident Commander shall cancel and/or return the Aiding Department as soon as possible.

### **Areas of Response**

Response to Downers Grove by DWFD for all reported emergencies will be with a Squad Company, Engine Company, Truck Company, Medic Unit, and/or Chief Officer as specified in the most current version of the running orders and MABAS Box Alarm cards for the Downers Grove Fire Department, with a minimum of three (3) personnel responding on all apparatus.

Response to DWFD by Downers Grove for all reported emergencies will be with a Squad Company, Engine Company, Truck Company, Medic Unit, and/or Chief Officer as specified in the most current version of the running orders and MABAS Box Alarm cards for the DWFD, with a minimum of three (3) personnel responding on all apparatus.

### **Unavailability of Aiding Department**

In the event that an Aiding Department is not available to respond in its designated area, the Aiding Department shall not be required to substitute apparatus from another location, but shall be required to make sure the Stricken Department is promptly notified that no assistance will be given.

### **Training**

Each Party will be responsible for familiarization with all areas of response within the boundaries of the other Party. Interdepartmental training of each Party's personnel will be conducted on a regular ongoing basis.

### **Maps and Pre-Plans:**

Each Party will furnish the other Party with current maps and pre-plans for each Party's respective areas of response.

### **Indemnification**

Each Party hereto agrees to waive all claims against the other Party hereto for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a consequence of the performance of this Agreement; provided, however, that such claim is not a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of

the other Party hereto or its personnel. Each Party requesting Automatic Aid pursuant to this Agreement (the Stricken Department) hereby expressly agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the other Party rendering aid (the Aiding Department) and its personnel from any and all claims, demands, liability, losses, suits in law or in equity which are made by a third party; provided, however, that such claims made by a third party are not the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Party rendering the Automatic Aid (the Aiding Department). This indemnity shall include attorneys' fees and costs that may arise from providing Automatic Aid pursuant to this Agreement; provided, however, that all employee benefits, wage and disability payments, pensions, worker's compensation claims, damage to or destruction of equipment and clothing, and employee medical expenses of the Party rendering Automatic Aid (the Aiding Department) shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Party rendering Automatic Aid (the Aiding Department).

**Cancellation of this Agreement**

In the event that a Party wishes to terminate this Agreement, it must notify the other Party in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the specified date of termination.

**MABAS Agreement**

The MABAS Agreement adopted in 1989 by all Member Units thereto, including DWFD and Downers Grove, as may be amended from time to time, is hereby made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. If there is a conflict between the MABAS Agreement and this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern as between DWFD and Downers Grove.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Manager David Fieldman  
Village of Downers Grove

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Chief/Administrator  
Darien-Woodridge Fire District