

Rec. 20-33
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

THIS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT is entered into this 13th day of April, 2020, (hereinafter "Agreement") by and between the Ford County Emergency Management Agency ("FCEMA") and the Paxton Emergency Management Agency, ("PEMA").

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions by which either party may request aid and assistance from the other party in responding to an emergency or disaster that exceeds the resources available in the requesting party's territorial jurisdiction.
2. **TERMS OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement is effective upon the day and date of the last signature affixed hereto. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by the parties. The Agreement may be terminated, without cause, by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, which shall be delivered to the other party by hand or by certified mail sent to the address listed herein.
3. **EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement shall be authorized and approved by the governing body of each party to the agreement. Therefore, this Agreement document shall be executed four times such that FCEMA will have two (2) executed copies with original seals and signatures and PEMA will have two (2) executed copies with original seals and signatures.
4. **DEFINITIONS.**

"Assistance" includes a party's local emergency response agency personnel, equipment, facilities, services, supplies, aid, and other resources which are requested by Recipient from Provider.

"Authorized Representative" means the parties' employee(s) who are authorized to request, to offer, or to otherwise provide assistance under the terms of this Agreement. A list of authorized representatives identified by name and position or office, shall be attached to the executed copy of this Agreement. Unless otherwise notified, in the event of personnel changes the parties agree that a successor to a position or office is a duly authorized representative.

"Disaster" means any emergency which has been officially declared a 'disaster' by gubernatorial or presidential executive order.

"Emergency" means any incident or situation—that has occurred, is occurring or will occur in the immediate future—that poses a major threat to public safety and causes or threatens to cause loss of life, serious injury, significant damage to property, or major harm to public health or the environment, as a result of an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage or loss of life or property, resulting from a natural, technological, or manmade emergency situation, and which a local entity has declared as being beyond the capabilities of its local emergency response agencies.

"Employee" means a person providing emergency response services who is under the exclusive direction or control of a party or local emergency response agency,