

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 02-11482

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF TONTITOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Tontitown, Arkansas and the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, desire to enter into an agreement to provide automatic mutual aid to each other for certain defined incidents, as described in the attached Exhibit "1", in order to provide maximum protection and the fastest service response to their residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority authorized in the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the parties have prepared an informal agreement setting forth their respective duties, obligations and responsibilities with respect to aid services within their respective jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and benefit of the community to authorize the Mayor, Fire Chief, and City Clerk-Treasurer to execute the Agreement for Automatic Mutual Aid, attached hereto as Exhibit "1", by and between the City of Fayetteville Fire Department and the City of Tontitown Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the informal Agreement for Automatic Mutual Aid, attached hereto as Exhibit "1", by and between the City of Fayetteville Fire Department, and the City of Tontitown Fire Department.

Section 2. The Mayor, Fire Chief and City Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to execute the informal Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement on behalf of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas, and to take any and all necessary action as may be required to fully completely implement the provisions of said Agreements.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25 day of February 2025.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell
Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni
Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)



Automatic Aid Agreement
Tontitown Fire Department

The City of Fayetteville Fire Department and the Tontitown Fire Department agree to enter into an Automatic Aid (auto-aid) partnership for emergency response to fires within a predetermined area in which they will be automatically dispatched as part of the initial fire response. This agreement shall remain in effect for three (3) years from the date of signature. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing ninety (90) days' written notice to the other party.

The City of Fayetteville Fire Department will respond to an automatic aid dispatch in Tontitown with two fire companies (one designated as RIT) and one command unit for structure fires. The Tontitown Fire Department will respond to an automatic aid dispatch in Fayetteville with one tanker for structure fires or one brush truck for vegetation fires.

Dispatch Procedures:

- When a call comes in for a fire within the auto-aid area, units from both departments will be simultaneously dispatched through a coordinated effort between the City of Fayetteville Central Dispatch Center and FireCom
- All Responding units will operate on the AWIN radio system and the designated interop channel, alerting both dispatch centers that they are responding (or unable to respond).
- Personal vehicles will not respond into the city of Fayetteville.
- All responding units will use NIMS compliant radio traffic by including the type of apparatus before any number. (i.e. Engine 1234)

Response:

- If a jurisdiction is unable to render auto-aid due to other emergency response requirements or lack of adequate resources, it will contact both dispatch centers and advise of the situation.
- Personal vehicles responding to auto-aid incidents inside the city limits of Fayetteville will be limited to one department officer.
- Auto-aid partners can request additional or specific equipment after the initial dispatch has been made. The department head, or designee, will make the decision on the request and notify the appropriate dispatch centers.

