

## *Mutual Aid System*

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### Mutual Aid Law

#### **320.090. Emergency services, contracts for mutual aid operative in disasters - requirements.**

1. Any municipal fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association, as defined by section 320.300, may enter into contracts providing for mutual aid regarding emergency services provided by such fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association. The contracts that are agreed upon may provide for compensation from the parties and other terms that are agreeable to the parties and may be for an indefinite period as long as they include a sixty-day cancellation notice by either party. The contracts agreed upon may not be entered into for the purpose of reduction of manpower by either party.
2. Any municipal fire department, fire protection association or volunteer fire protection association may provide assistance to any other municipal fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association in the state at the time of a significant emergency such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, hazardous material incident or other such disaster. The chief or highest ranking fire officer may render aid to any requesting fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association as long as he is acting in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by the governing board of that governmental entity or association.
3. When responding on mutual aid or emergency aid requests, the fire department, fire protection district, or volunteer fire association shall be subject to all provisions of law as if it were providing service within its own jurisdiction.

(L. 1990 H.B. 1395 & 1448 1 subsec. 1, 2, 3)  
(Revised Statutes of Missouri 1992, Chapter 320)