

**Interjurisdictional
Mutual Aid Agreement**

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

For

Ellis Dallas Unified Cooperative Team

EDUCT

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BE IT KNOWN BY ALL PARTIES:

It is the desire of Ellis Dallas Unified Cooperative Team (EDUCT) to develop an Interjurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement to enhance emergency planning and response capabilities. Jurisdictions will draw on resources when their resources are exceeded during “day-to-day” operations, as well as exceptional situations. Each jurisdiction presents with unique resources and can be drawn upon by other parties to assist in the prevention and combating of emergencies.

Our agreement will recognize that any party to this agreement may be requested by another party to be a provider. It is mutually understood that each party's foremost responsibility is to its own citizens. The provisions of this agreement shall not be construed to impose an unconditional obligation on any party. Accordingly, when a party is requested to provide aid and assistance, it may in good faith deem itself unavailable to be a provider when the resources being requested are necessary to provide reasonable and adequate protection for its own citizens. Likewise, the parties fully recognize that there is ample public purpose for entering into this agreement, and shall attempt to render assistance in accordance with the terms of the agreement to the fullest extent possible.

All parties understand and agree to the following:

- **Activation of resources under this agreement must be simple.**
- **Jurisdictions should call for help when needed and return resources to their city as soon as possible.**
- **All parties will work together to utilize equipment received through grant funding for the EDUCT group.**
- **Jurisdictions may call on any and all parties within this agreement for assistance.**
- **Jurisdictions may drop out at any time as outlined in this agreement.**
- **Parties agree to allow other jurisdictions to join this agreement by an amendment under Section 16 with written consent from all.**
- **EDUCT’s Mutual Aid Agreement exists to provide local jurisdictions with the opportunity to exchange services during an emergency or disaster.**

This Mutual Aid Agreement is general in nature and is basically an understanding that support will be provided if possible. The type of service to be provided is frequently open ended. The Mutual Aid Agreement is an understanding that, “...*my jurisdiction will assist your jurisdiction during an emergency. Give me a call, let me know what you need, and I’ll see what we can do.*” In most circumstances Mutual Aid Agreements are required to be implemented before assistance is requested from the state.

The mission of EDUCT is to provide a team approach in dealing with the adverse effects of all emergency conditions created by man or nature.

Cedar Hill Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

DeSoto Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Duncanville Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Ferris Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Glenn Heights Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Lancaster Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Midlothian Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Ovilla Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Red Oak Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief

Waxahachie Fire Department, _____
Fire Chief