

## **INTERLOCAL DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made and entered by and between Collin County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "County") and the Lowry Crossing Volunteer Fire Department (the "Volunteer Fire Department").

### **RECITALS**

1. The County, through the Sheriff's Office, owns and operates communication facilities used in dispatching its law enforcement and emergency service personnel.
2. The Volunteer Fire Department desires to obtain certain dispatch services from the County. Therefore, under the authority of Texas Government Code, Title 7, Interlocal Cooperation Act, Section 791 et seq., the parties agree as follows:

### **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

**DISPATCH SERVICES.** The term "Dispatch Services" means all services necessary for the Collin County Sheriff's Office to receive calls for Fire/EMS services within the Volunteer Fire Department's jurisdiction and to dispatch the Volunteer Fire personnel in response to such calls.

**HOSTING SERVICES.** The term "Hosting Services" means the County will store the Volunteer Fire Department's data as it relates to dispatch services.

### **SECTION 2. TERM**

**2.01 TERM.** The term of this agreement shall commence on October 1, 2017, and shall continue in full force and effect through September 30, 2018.

**2.02 TERMINATION.** Either party may terminate this agreement by giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

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**3.01** The County agrees to provide dispatch services through the Sheriff's Office to the Volunteer Fire Department in the same manner and under the same work schedule as such services are provided in the operation of the County's law enforcement personnel.

**3.02 Hosting Services.** The County agrees to provide Hosting Services to the Volunteer Fire Department and that it will provide 95% uptime availability of the service as covered herein.

**3.03 Scheduled Maintenance:** The Volunteer Fire Department hereby acknowledges that the County may, from time to time, perform maintenance service on the County network, with or without notice to the Volunteer Fire Department, which may result in the unavailability of the County network.

Emergency maintenance and maintenance for which the County has not given the Volunteer Fire Department notice in accordance with this Agreement shall not be deemed scheduled maintenance for purposes of this Agreement. The County will make every effort to notify the Volunteer Fire Department prior to scheduled maintenance. Notice may be given in various forms including but not limited to email notice and/or phone call.

**3.04 Hosted Data Ownership.** The Volunteer Fire Department shall have sole ownership of the Volunteer Fire Department's hosted data and the County shall make no claim to ownership of Volunteer Fire Department's hosted data.

**3.05 Hosted Data Back Up.** The County will back up the Volunteer Fire Department's hosted data on a daily basis. All data backups will meet Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) requirements. Every effort is made to ensure the reliability of the backed up data in the event that it would be necessary to restore a database. The County, however, makes no guaranties that the backed up database will be error free.

Upon request, the County will provide to the Volunteer Fire Department a current database backup that can be restored to an alternate location to verify the contents and confirm the quality of the backup. All services required to provide the Volunteer Fire Department's data and/or verify data will be provided in accordance with the County's current rates.

**3.06 VPN Agreement.** For each user the Volunteer Fire Department is required to complete and return **Attachment (A)**, Connection Policy and Agreement Form for the Virtual Private Network (VPN) and return to County to the address in 9.02 item (C). No access will be given to user unless County has received a VPN Agreement.

**SECTION 4. NONEXCLUSIVITY OF SERVICE PROVISION**

The parties agree that the County may contract to perform services similar or identical to those specified in this agreement for such additional governmental or public entities as the County, in its sole discretion, sees fit.

**SECTION 5. COMPENSATION**

**5.01** The dispatch service charges for FY2018 are in the amount of \$0.

**SECTION 6. CIVIL LIABILITY**

**6.01** Any civil liability relating to the furnishing of services under this agreement shall be the responsibility of the Volunteer Fire Department. The parties agree that the County shall be acting as agent for the Volunteer Fire Department in performing the services contemplated by this agreement.

**6.02** The Volunteer Fire Department shall hold the County free and harmless from any obligation, costs, claims, judgments, attorney's fees, attachments, and other such liabilities arising from or growing out of the services rendered to the Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to the terms of this agreement or in any way connected with the rendering of said services, except when the same shall arise because of the willful

misconduct or culpable negligence of the County, and the County is adjudged to be guilty of willful misconduct or culpable negligence by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**SECTION 7.            AMENDMENT**

This agreement shall not be amended or modified other than in a written agreement signed by the parties.

**SECTION 8.            CONTROLLING LAW**

This agreement shall be deemed to be made under, governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 9.            NOTICES**

**9.01 FORM OF NOTICE.** Unless otherwise specified, all communications provided for in this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered, whether actually received or not, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the United States mail, first class, registered or certified, return receipt requested, with proper postage prepaid or immediately when delivered in person.

**9.02 ADDRESSES.** All communications provided for in this agreement shall be addressed as follows:

(A) Collin County, to:  
Purchasing Department  
2300 Bloomdale #3160  
McKinney, Texas 75071

(B) If to the Volunteer Fire Department, to:

1405 S. Bridgefarmer Road  
Lowry Crossing, TX 75069  
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(C) Collin County, Virtual Private Network (VPN) to:  
Information Technology Department  
2300 Bloomdale #3198  
McKinney, Texas 75071

Or to such person at such address as may from time to time be specified in a notice given as provided in this Section 9. In addition, notice of termination of this agreement by the Volunteer Fire Department shall be provided by the Volunteer Fire Department to the County Judge of Collin County as follows:

The Honorable Keith Self  
Collin County Judge  
Collin County Administration Building  
2300 Bloomdale Rd. Suite 4192  
McKinney, Texas 75071

**SECTION 10. CAPTIONS**

The headings to the various sections of this agreement have been inserted for the convenient reference only and shall not modify, define, limit or expand the express provision of this agreement.

**SECTION 11. COUNTERPARTS**

This agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which, when taken separately, shall be deemed an original.

**SECTION 12. OBLIGATIONS OF CONDITION**

All obligations of each party under this agreement are conditions to further performance of the other party's continued performance of its obligation under the agreement.

**SECTION 13. EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO ENFORCE THIS AGREEMENT**

The County and the Volunteer Fire Department have the exclusive right to bring suit to enforce this Agreement, and no party may bring suit, as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise, to enforce this agreement.

**SECTION 14. PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED**

This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written oral agreements between the parties respecting the services to be provided under this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

"COUNTY"


COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: 

TITLE: County Judge

DATE: 2/19/18

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT"

 - Lowry Crossing Fire Dept.

BY: Paul Wood - Lowry Crossing Fire Dept.

TITLE: Fire Chief

DATE: 10/4/17