

**RO-14-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN  
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF  
HUNTERDON**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Authority to execute agreements; terms and conditions.**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1 et seq., and as otherwise provided by law, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute mutual aid agreements, as shall be approved by resolution of the Township Committee, with the County of Hunterdon for the participation of a member or members of the Township of Washington Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad or any similar organization in activities related to public safety, including but not limited to law enforcement activities, disaster assistance, emergencies and other crisis, which agreements shall include, but not be limited to, the following terms and conditions:

A. Each party agrees that, in the event of aid being provided by one party within the jurisdiction of any other party, the appropriate services and assistance will be provided upon request and to the extent reasonably possible without endangering persons or property within the county/municipality rendering such assistance.

B. All mutual aid rendered pursuant to any mutual aid agreement shall be provided without charge or expense to the entity receiving such assistance, except as the parties may otherwise agree. By executing the mutual aid agreement, each party acknowledges that it shall be solely responsible for the provision of any and all salary and other benefits for its personnel rendering assistance within the other county/municipality, to the same extent as if such personnel were performing their duties within the county/municipality providing the assistance.

C. With regard to any mutual aid team that the County may form which includes an employee of the Township of Washington pursuant to a mutual aid agreement, the County of Hunterdon shall indemnify the Township of Washington for all actions of the employee which arise out of and are within the scope of the employee's duties performed as a volunteer member of the mutual aid team.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of Washington which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk

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Kenneth W. Short, Mayor