

**AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR A
COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and among the participating political subdivisions of Delaware County, Ohio, as set forth in this Agreement, in accordance with section 5502.26 of the Revised Code.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, an agreement establishing a countywide emergency management agency was entered into by and among the Delaware County Board of Commissioners and a majority of the political subdivisions within Delaware County in May 1989; and

WHEREAS, the existing agreement was amended in March 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("DCOHSEM") recommends amending the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the participating political subdivisions hereby agree that the DCOHSEM is hereby authorized to coordinate emergency management activities within Delaware County, subject to the following:

1. The political subdivisions participating in this Agreement shall be as follows: (1) Delaware County; (2) each township located, in whole or in part, within Delaware County, with the exception of Washington Township; and (3) each municipal corporation located entirely within Delaware County. The Cities of Columbus, Dublin, and Westerville have entered into a countywide agreement with Franklin County and do not participate in this Agreement, except on a mutual aid basis. For purposes of this Agreement, a "township" shall be defined as limited to the unincorporated portion of the township, regardless of whether the borders thereof with any municipal corporation are conformed or non-conformed. The Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Management, entered into by and between the Delaware County and Franklin County Boards of Commissioners on or about October 3, 2006, is hereby incorporated into this Agreement. Pursuant to the Mutual Aid Agreement, the participating political subdivisions entering into this Agreement agree to provide mutual aid for emergency management, to the extent practicable, in those areas served by Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, including, but not limited to, those areas within Delaware County.
2. As provided in section 5502.26 of the Revised Code, the chief executive officer of each participating political subdivision entering into this Agreement shall appoint a representative to the Countywide Advisory Group. The Countywide Advisory Group shall appoint a Countywide Executive Committee and shall advise the Countywide Executive Committee on matters pertaining to countywide emergency management. The DCOHSEM shall implement emergency management in Delaware County through the Countywide Executive Committee in accordance with section 5502.26 of the Revised Code and this Agreement.

3. The Executive Committee shall consist of ten (10) members and shall be appointed as follows:
 - (1) One County Commissioner as selected by the Board of County Commissioners;
 - (2) One representative from the City of Delaware and one representative from the City of Powell;
 - (1) One member representing all of the participating villages. The Village representative shall be selected by a majority vote of the mayors or village councils;
 - (3) Three township trustees appointed by a majority vote of the Delaware County Township Trustees Association from among the townships participating in this Agreement;
 - (1) One Sheriff's Office Representative;
 - (1) One Fire Chief selected by a majority vote of the Fire Chief's Association of Delaware County; and
 - (1) One Non-Voting Emergency Management Personnel.
4. The Executive Committee shall appoint a director/coordinator of Emergency Management. The director/coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating, organizing, administering, and operating the DCOHSEM, pursuant to the duties imposed upon him/her by sections 5502.21 through 5502.51 of the Revised Code, the DCOHSEM's program, and subject to the direction and control of the Executive Committee. The director/coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The director/coordinator shall pursue a professional development training program in accordance with rules adopted under section 5502.25 of the Revised Code. The director/coordinator of the DCOHSEM may be an official or employee of any political subdivision entering into the countywide agreement, except that the director/coordinator shall not be the chief executive of any such political subdivision. The director/coordinator of the DCOHSEM shall serve only in the function as appointed by the Executive Committee.
5. The DCOHSEM shall establish a program for emergency management that: (1) is in accordance with sections 5502.21 to 5502.51 of the Revised Code, rules adopted under those sections, local ordinances pertaining to emergency management, the "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act," 88 Stat. 143, 42 U.S.C. 5121, et. seq., as amended, and all applicable rules and regulations adopted under that act; (2) includes, without limitation, development of an all-hazards emergency operations plan that has been coordinated with all agencies, boards, and divisions having emergency

management functions within the county; (3) includes the preparation and conduct of an annual exercise of the county's all-hazards emergency operations plan; and (4) is applicable to all political subdivisions entering into the countywide agreement.

6. The DCOHSEM shall be considered a separate county board and shall receive services in the same manner as other county agencies. All employees of DCOHSEM shall be employees of Delaware County under the appointing authority of the Executive Committee.
7. Each participating political subdivision's share of the expenses of coordinating the emergency management activities within Delaware County shall be paid into a separate distinct fund known as the "Delaware County EMA Fund" by the participating political subdivisions and shall be apportioned on the following basis:
 - a. The Board of County Commissioners shall contribute office space, utilities and one-third (1/3) of the local annual emergency management funding as approved by the Executive Committee for the annual budget.
 - b. The remaining two-thirds (2/3) of the local annual emergency management funding shall be provided by the cities, townships and villages based on each jurisdiction's percentage of the overall population for Delaware County (except for the cities of Columbus, Dublin and Westerville). The municipalities of Columbus, Dublin and Westerville shall not be included in the calculations under Section Seven, as they are covered by Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The residential population figures shall be the Delaware County Regional Planning Committee's annual census estimates for the preceding year. Population percentages will only be taken to the second decimal place, rounding up the final digit.
8. Each participating political subdivision agrees to pay into the Delaware County EMA Fund, promptly upon invoice, the amount assessed against it for its allocated share of the budget needed for the operation of countywide emergency management, and for any services performed pursuant to this Agreement.
9. The director/coordinator of the DCOHSEM shall prepare a budget with the approval of the Executive Committee. The budget shall be appropriated by the Delaware County Board of Commissioners. Funds shall be expended only with the approval of the Executive Committee under such resolutions, rules and regulations as it may provide regarding the budget. The resolutions, rules, and regulations shall be shared with the Delaware County Auditor's Office.
10. The Executive Committee shall provide for coordinated input by Emergency Management Program stakeholders in the preparation, implementation, evaluation, and revision of the Emergency Management Program. The Executive Committee shall adopt

rules and approve forms to ensure that the process is properly documented and conducted on an ongoing basis.

11. Grants maintained by the DCOHSEM shall be applied, accepted, and expended only under the authority of the eligible applicant outlined in the applicable grant guidance/document.
12. The participating political subdivisions entering into this Agreement agree to render mutual aid to the DCOHSEM and to each other participating political subdivision through the interchange of personnel, equipment, and supplies as necessary to alleviate the effects of emergency situations.
13. This Agreement shall take effect when a majority of the municipal corporations and political subdivisions of Delaware County have executed this Agreement. Any participating political subdivision entering into this Agreement may terminate its participation in this Agreement upon not less than ninety (90) days written notice to the Executive Committee. Any outstanding financial obligations must be forwarded to DCOHSEM. Non-payment could result in collection of the funds through the Delaware County Auditor by reducing that subdivisions annual settlement. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect unless a majority of the municipal corporations and political subdivisions within Delaware County cease to be participants in this Agreement. Upon the occurrence of any of the above-mentioned conditions, and after the payment of the obligations set forth in Section 7, this Agreement shall terminate. Each participating political subdivision acknowledges that withdrawing from this countywide agreement will obligate it to form and fund its own emergency management agency in compliance with section 5502.271 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the participating political subdivisions enter into this Agreement for a continuing term.