

*Mesa County Incident Management Group
Memorandum of Understanding*

I. *Mission*

It is the mission of the Mesa County Incident Management Group to provide incident management/coordination capability, designed to support agency(s) having jurisdiction during a large scale event. The Mesa County Incident Management Group consists of representatives from: Mesa County Health Department, Lower Valley Fire Protection District, Colorado State Patrol, Grand Junction Police Department, Grand Junction Regional Communications Center, Grand Junction Fire Department, Clifton Fire Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Palisade Fire Department, St. Mary's EMS Department, Mesa County Emergency Management.

II. *Scope*

The scope of this document shall apply to all of Mesa County, except federal lands and shall include lands within the incorporated limits of municipalities of Mesa County.

III. *Purpose*

Incidents within Mesa County and Municipalities require a standardized management system. All agencies and political subdivisions who participate in the Mesa County Incident Management Group agree to utilize the Incident Command System for all multi-agency and/or multi-jurisdictional incidents to the varying degree possible. Mesa County Incident Management Group seeks to adopt the standardized Incident Command System; a system which utilizes in theory and practice the following commonly accepted techniques:

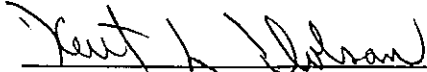
- Management by Objectives
- Unity of Command
- Span of Control
- Common Terminology
- Personnel Accountability
- Integrated Communications
- Resource Management
- Incident Action Planning (Verbal or Written)

(Reference, ICS National Training Curriculum NFES 2441)

IV. *Terms*

1. This agreement does not supersede, supplant nor is it intended to supersede or supplant any statutory responsibility on any party's part. A party may not and shall not claim or assert that it is relieved of any legal obligation by virtue of the existence of this agreement.
2. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one year from the date of execution of the last signatory party. The agreement shall renew thereafter annually. Upon written notification from the Mesa County Emergency Manager to all participating parties prior to the expiration date of the agreement any party may decline to renew.
3. The obligations and procedures established under this agreement shall be reviewed annually by the Mesa County Incident Management Group prior to the anniversary of the effective date of the agreement. After said review, the Mesa County Incident Management Group shall prepare a written report detailing the change(s) or modification. The report, in total or parts thereof, will be proposed for adoption amendments to this agreement and will be adopted only upon unanimous agreement by all signatories.
4. Any party may terminate its involvement in this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Emergency Manager of Mesa County.
5. Any grievance, protest or complaint by any party to this agreement with respect to this agreement shall be made in writing to the Emergency Manager of Mesa County. Who will then present the issue for discussion and resolution to the Mesa County Incident Management Group at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
6. Any cancellation, grievance, protest or complaint registered with the Emergency Manager of Mesa County by a party to this agreement shall require a written acknowledgment from the Emergency Manager of Mesa County to that party within ten (10) working days of receipt of that cancellation, grievance, protest or complaint.

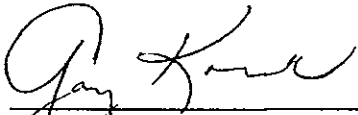
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Clifton Fire Protection District
Chief

4-9-98
Date


Grand Junction Fire Department
Chief


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Date


Grand Junction Police Department
Chief

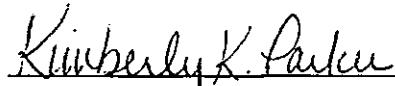
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Grand Junction Regional Communications Center
Supervisor

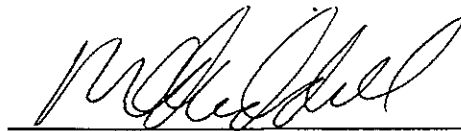
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Lower Valley Fire Protection District
Chief

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Date


Mesa County Emergency Management
Emergency Manager

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Mesa County Health Department
Director

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Mesa County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff

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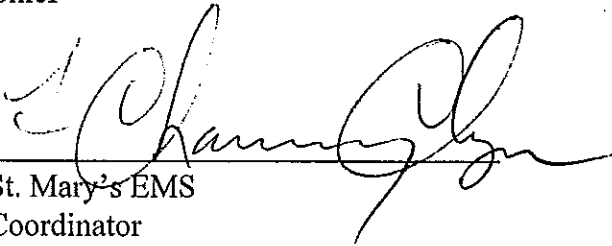
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Palisade Fire Department
Chief

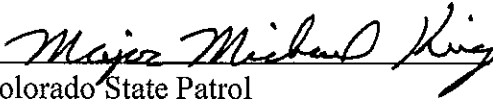
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St. Mary's EMS
Coordinator

Date



Colorado State Patrol
Major

4-14-98

Date