

ADDENDUM "A"

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT REGARDING EMERGENCY
DISPATCHING, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES**

Whereas, the Ford County Sheriff's Office and Recipient(s) are empowered to provide emergency communications services to the citizens within their respective jurisdictions and may, therefore enter into an Interagency Agreement with one another and with other public agencies to perform such services; and,

Whereas, the Ford County Sheriff's Office has an emergency communications dispatch center and systems capable of providing emergency communications services to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, fire districts and emergency medical services providers within Ford County and beyond; and,

Whereas, the Ford County Sheriff's Office and the parties to this agreement believe emergency dispatch and communications services as well as other services would be best served by being managed through the Ford County Sheriff's Office and "Oversight Board"; and,

Whereas, Paxton Police Department, Gibson City Police Department, Piper City Police Department, Ford County E911 Board, Gibson Area Hospital and Ambulance Services, Ford County Area Fire Departments, (herein called the "Oversight Board") desires to obtain emergency dispatch and emergency communications services from the Ford County Sheriff's Office Telecommunications Center; and,

Whereas, the parties hereto recognize that it is in the best interests of the citizens within their respective jurisdictions and in the furtherance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to have a unified emergency dispatch and communications system having the advantage of economies of scale; and,

Whereas, the governing body of each party has resolved, agreed, or ordained that this interagency agreement may be entered into;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, it is hereby agreed as follows:

I. **Definitions.**

Ford County Telecommunications Center: To be administered by this agreement.

There shall be an Oversight Board composed of **eight (8) persons** as follows:

- A. The Gibson City Police Chief of Designee
- B. The Paxton Police Chief or Designee

- C. The Piper City Police Chief of Designee
- D. The Ford County E911 Director or Designee
- E. The Gibson Area Ambulance Director or Designee
- F. A Fire Department Representative
- G. A Ford County Board Member
- H. The Ford County Sheriff

II. **Functions and Authority of the Oversight Board.**

- A. The Ford County Sheriff shall be the permanent chairperson of the Oversight Board.
- B. A quorum for the Oversight Board shall consist of **five (5) members**.
- C. The Oversight Board shall meet at least **two (2) times** annually and appoint a secretary who shall keep good and sufficient minutes of the meetings.
- D. Conduct a bi-annual performance review of the Ford County Telecommunications Center.
- E. Evaluate and make recommendations to the Ford County Sheriff concerning policies and procedures of the Ford County Telecommunications Center.
- F. Evaluate and make recommendations to the Ford County Sheriff concerning development, programming, operational and personnel policies and equipment usage.
- G. Oversight Board may call a special meeting at any reasonable time to address recipient concerns involving the Ford County Telecommunications Center.
- H. Any increase in funds for dispatch services imposed by Ford County towards the recipients must be approved by the Oversight Board by a **two-thirds (2/3)** majority vote.
- I. The Oversight Board shall promptly forward minutes of its meetings to member Village and City Clerks.

III. **Admission of New Recipients.**

Public safety entities that are not recipients under this agreement may be added to this agreement as recipients upon meeting any terms and conditions as determined by the Oversight Board.

IV. **Duration and Termination.**

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any party to this agreement may withdraw from the Oversight Board upon at least **one (1) year** written notice to the Oversight Board. Said termination must be received by **December 1st** of the year prior to the termination effective on **December 1st** of the following year.

V. **Amendments.**

This agreement may be amended at any time by the majority action of the Oversight Board and ratified by the majority of the legislative bodies of all Parties of this agreement.

VI. **Severability.**

If a provision of this agreement of application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the agreement, which can be given effect without invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of the agreement are declared to be severable.

VII. **Execution of Agreement.**

Each party to this agreement may bind itself with all other parties to this agreement to form the Oversight Board by signing a duplicate original to the Oversight Board. It is understood that such execution shall not require that one original agreement be signed by all parties to this agreement, but that there will be several duplicate originals signed by each party to this agreement. The purpose of this provision is to facilitate the signing of this agreement and to avoid undue delay in the execution of this agreement. This agreement however, shall be executed on behalf of each member by its authorized representative and pursuant to the appropriate motion, resolution or ordinance of each local government or other entity as the case may be. Each party to this agreement shall be bound to it as of the date it is signed by that member.

VIII. **Indemnity Agreement.**

Each party to this agreement agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the other parties to this agreement for loss or damage of any nature arising from provision of law enforcement, fire, medical aid services and/or equipment by each party's employees or agents in aid of any other party. Specifically, action under the direction and control of a party to this agreement shall be interpreted solely as direct control of actions by the party receiving the aid. Otherwise the primary commissioning agency remains liable or responsible for the actions of its employees or agents.

GIBSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

BY: _____
Chief or Designee

ATTEST: _____

PIPER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

BY: _____
Chief or Designee

ATTEST: _____

GIBSON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE

BY: _____
Director or Designee

ATTEST: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD

BY: _____
Chairman or Designee

ATTEST: _____

PAXTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BY: _____
Chief or Designee

ATTEST: _____

FORD COUNTY E911

BY: _____
Director or Designee

ATTEST: _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT

BY: _____
Representative

ATTEST: _____

FORD COUNTY SHERIFF

BY: _____
Sheriff

ATTEST: _____

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