

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 35-2015**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONROE AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO ESTABLISH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE BUTLER COUNTY REGIONAL WATER RESCUE TASK FORCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for water rescue efforts within Butler County allows for additional manpower should the need arise both within and outside of the City of Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

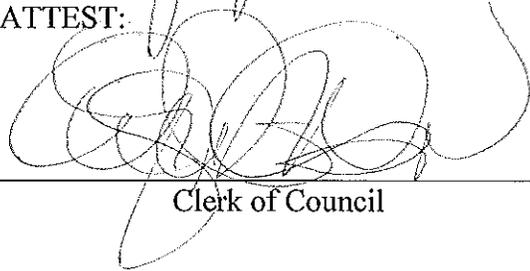
SECTION 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe and other jurisdictions to establish the responsibility and authority of the Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: This measure is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and further for the reason that Council desires to increase the available manpower for water rescue emergencies. Therefore, this measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED:

*July 14, 2015*

ATTEST:



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Clerk of Council

APPROVED:



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Mayor

This legislation was enacted in an open meeting pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Sunshine Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

"I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.



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Clerk of Council  
City of Monroe, Ohio

## Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force Memorandum of Understanding

Revised December 5, 2012

**\* Addendum - 1; February 6, 2013, Fairfield Township Fire Department entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding.**

**\* Addendum - 2; March 6, 2013, Ross Township Fire Department entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding.**

**\*Addendum – 3; April 3, 2013, Morgan Township Fire Department entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding.**

**\*Addendum – 4; July 1, 2015, Monroe Fire Department entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding.**

- The purpose of this MOU is to establish the responsibility and authority as it pertains to the Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force and its participating agencies.
  
- This MOU is with the understanding that there are already two well established Water Asset Groups in Butler County. They are the Butler County Regional Water Rescue Team (a multi agency water rescue group coordinated through the Butler County Sheriff's Office) and the City of Hamilton Fire Department Water Rescue Team. Both function under different disciplines pursuing common goals, as well as having different areas of responsibility. In addition the Butler County Technical Rescue Team will provide additional members trained in water rescue operations. In addition the City of Oxford Fire Department, **the Fairfield Township Fire Department, Ross Township Fire Department, Morgan Township Fire Department, and Monroe Fire Department** will provide additional members trained and equipped for water rescue operations. \*  
**Addendum-1,2,3,&4**

- The definition of "water rescue" as used in this MOU is defined as, but not limited to:
  - Swift Water rescue
  - Ice rescue
  - Flood Rescue
  - Search & Rescue Operations (related to water)
  - Victim Rescue (as related to water emergencies)
  - Water Rescue stand-by (planned events)
  - Surface Water Rescue
  - Body Recovery Operations (related to water)

- This MOU does not cover underwater rescue / recoveries involving the use of “dive” resources.
- Each agency agrees to respond outside their jurisdiction as needed with properly trained manpower and approved equipment in accordance with the Water Rescue Advisory Boards guidelines under this MOU. It is further understood that the response agreement is directly incumbent on the ability of the requested agency to respond due to manpower and/or equipment constraints.
- It will be the responsibility of the participating agency to maintain a complete inventory of all water rescue equipment, by type and physical location. All equipment will remain under the ownership of the purchasing agency. Butler County Emergency Management (BCEMA) will retain ownership of equipment purchased by that agency through Federal, State or Local Grant funding or purchases made through County General Funds; EMA reserves the right to retain purchased equipment as outlined or distribute that equipment to the various entities involved in this Water Asset Agreement.
- It is the responsibility for the participating agencies to guarantee the response of trained personnel and maintain training certifications recommended by State of Ohio water TAC and/or Ohio Department of Natural Resources standards, as applicable to NFPA 1006 and NFPA 1670.
- It will be the responsibility of the participating department under this MOU to provide workers compensation coverage to their members who may respond outside normal jurisdictions. Any water rescue member who participates in water rescue training or a response (emergency or non-emergency) as a volunteer and not covered by their own department will be covered under Butler County Emergency Management Agency. BCEMA will cover these individuals under Butler County’s workers compensation.

A List of all volunteers not covered by their participating department will be created. A roster of specific training and certifications held by each agency shall be submitted to the Technical Rescue Board by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

- The compensation for training or actual emergency responses, by participating agency personnel, is at the discretion of the participating agency’s administration.

- It is the responsibility of the participating department to provide periodic checks and testing of serviceability of said equipment in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and appropriate safety standards.
- The participating department has the authority to use said equipment as needed for patrol, rescue, recovery, training and other activities as approved by the Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force Advisory Board or agency of ownership.
- Each agency will maintain ownership and responsibility of maintenance and repair of said equipment. However, additional funding through the Butler County Emergency Management Agency may be provided for maintenance and repair as needed if funding is available.
- Each agency that responds to an incident or training will work under a Unified Incident Command System and utilize an ICS 214 unit log.
- Additional equipment may be purchased using State and Federal grant funding, which may be coordinated through the Office of BCEMA. Equipment will be purchased in accordance with local needs, keeping NIMS typing requirements for water rescue a priority.
- The Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force Advisory Board will develop dispatch procedures, response areas and standard operating procedures which all agencies and members will follow under this MOU, as long as such procedures, jurisdictional area's and SOP's do not conflict with those already established by a hosting agency. If a conflict does occur, affected agencies will work to resolve those conflicts.
- Each agency is required to participate in their home agency's training program requirements and ensure that they meet BCEMA funding requirements and obligations. All joint training opportunities will be shared by BCEMA to all Butler County Regional Water Rescue Team members. Butler County Technical Rescue Team will hold at least one water training per year as part of their regular training cycle. These locations will be determined throughout the County as weather permits.
- In order to maintain Team membership, each agency will certify which training standards its techs and safety officers have completed.

- Each agency will be responsible for drafting new members to the Regional Water Task Force Asset Group in accordance with the Advisory Boards guidelines under the this MOU.
- The Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force Advisory Board (working group) will have one or more representative from each participating agency which will meet once a month at a time and location to be determined.
- Membership of the Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force Advisory Board will reflect the agencies who participate in the Butler County Regional Water Task Force
- The Water Rescue Advisory Board will have one Representative, approved by the Technical Rescue Advisory Board, from each participating division listed below:
  - Butler County Emergency Management Agency
  - Butler County Sheriffs Office
  - Butler County Technical Rescue Team
  - City of Hamilton Fire Department
  - City of Oxford Fire Department
  - Fairfield Township Fire Department \* **Addendum - 1**
  - Ross Township Fire Department \* **Addendum – 2**
  - Morgan Township Fire Department \***Addendum – 3**
  - Monroe Fire Department \***Addendum - 4**
- This Agreement shall become effective on the date of its execution and shall continue as a non-expiring Agreement; provided, however, that any party to this Agreement may withdraw at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice, addressed to the Chairman of the Technical Rescue Advisory Board or the defined agency or other officer in charge of each of the other parties to this Agreement, and thereafter such withdrawing party shall no longer be a party to this Agreement, but this Agreement shall continue to exist among and between the remaining parties.
- Agencies may join this MOU upon a majority vote by the Butler County Technical Advisory Board.
- The Water Rescue Advisory board will work under the direction of the Butler County Technical Advisory Board, and at no time shall the Water Rescue Advisory Board make any final decision without prior approval from the BCTR Advisory Board.

*Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force M.O.U.  
As Revised December 5, 2012*

All Participating Agencies:

**Butler County Emergency Management Agency**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Galloway, Director

**Butler County Technical Rescue Team**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Randall Hanifen, Chairman

**Butler County Sheriff's Department**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard K. Jones, Sheriff

**City of Hamilton Fire Department**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Dawson, Chief

**City of Oxford Fire Department**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Detherage, Chief

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**Fairfield Township Fire Department – \*Addendum - 1**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Thomas, Chief

**Ross Township Fire Department – \*Addendum - 2**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Miller, Chief

**Morgan Township Fire Department – \*Addendum - 3**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

J.R. Wood, Chief

**Monroe Fire Department – \*Addendum - 4**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

John Centers, Chief

*Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force M.O.U.*

*As Revised with Addendum 1,2,3&4*

*July 1, 2015*