

## RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

(Expanding Fire and Rescue Scope of Work)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Fire and Rescue Agency provides fire prevention, suppression, and technical rescue services on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (Reservation) and often attends non-emergency events and responds to non-emergency "good will" calls; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provides emergency medical services on the Reservation, however, the number of emergencies on the Reservation have the potential of outstripping the capacity of EMS to provide services effectively; and

WHEREAS, Fire and Rescue personnel are certified EMS First Responders and/or certified EMTs and in order to respond to medical emergencies effectively and efficiently, Fire and Rescue and Emergency Medical Services seek to better coordinate their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council understands that by expanding the Scope of Work for Fire and Rescue, there may be occasions when response times are limited based on available resources committed elsewhere as a result of this arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to authorize the expansion of Fire and Rescue's Scope of Work to include non-emergency events and non-emergency "good will" calls and to further respond to emergencies when dispatched according to the protocol established by Fire and Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Fire and Rescue to expand its scope of work in order to tend to attend non-emergency events and non-emergency "good will" calls.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Fire and Rescue to coordinate with Emergency Medical Services and respond to emergencies when dispatched according to the protocol set forth by both agencies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that although this agreement is in the best interest of the Tribe, it acknowledges that emergency response times may be negatively impacted by expanding the scope of work for Fire and Rescue.

## Resolution No. <u>01-2010-18</u>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JANUARY 14, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

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