

Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement is entered into between Region III EMS Council and Region V EMS Council for the purpose of supporting the Major Emergency Medical Response Group, which is hereafter referred to as MERGE.

This agreement commences November 1, 2011 and will continue on a year to year basis until such time as either Regional EMS Council provides written notice to dissolve the agreement. In the event either Regional EMS Council dissolves the agreement, it must provide a 30 day written notice.

Upon signing this agreement the Region III Board of Directors acknowledges that the Region III MERGE Project will be known as the Kansas MERGE Project from this date forward with all written correspondence, policies and procedures. In addition all public information released, as well as all training documents and public information released to any other agencies will not recognize any specific EMS Region, but will be known as the Kansas MERGE Project.

Any and all monies received from any State or Federal Agency to Region III EMS or Region V EMS for the purpose of the MERGE Team or regional medical response teams shall be placed in an account separate from Region III and/or Region V regular accounts and that special account will be maintained by the Region III Treasurer. This arrangement is for the purpose of the regions being 501c3 corporations. The MERGE team is not a 501c3 corporation. A yearly financial report will be forwarded to the Region III and Region V Board of Directors Chairman and upon written request. Any monies expended from this account will be approved by a majority of the MERGE Team, rather than the Region III or Region V Board of Directors. Any other funds that are committed to the MERGE project from either Region or any other sources are subject to the same conditions.

In addition to the existing members of the MERGE Team, it is agreed to add up to five members from the Region V geographical area as mutually agreed upon by the Region V Board of Directors and the existing MERGE Team. This number may be adjusted on a yearly basis.

Much like a mutual aid agreement, it is understood that this agreement does not provide an obligation for any response by the MERGE Team to any area. Resources, when available, per local and MERGE SOGs will respond to all regions contracting with MERGE. The primary purpose of this agreement is to provide an understanding of the responsibilities as listed for each of the EMS Regions not to outline response guidelines.

If this agreement is dissolved by either party with thirty (30) days written notice and if dissolved, all funds expended will be prorated. The Above agreement is established by the signatures below.

Brandon Beck, Chairman
Region V EMS
Date:

Jon E. Friesen, Chairman
Region III EMS
Date: