



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution to approve an interlocal cooperation and mutual aid agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“Metro”) and the City of Brentwood, City of Franklin, City of Goodlettsville, City of Hendersonville, City of Murfreesboro, and Wilson County, to create and operate a US&R/Water Rescue Team that will provide response and rescue services.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“Metro”) has entered into an interlocal cooperation and mutual aid agreement with the City of Brentwood, City of Franklin, City of Goodlettsville, City of Hendersonville, the City of Murfreesboro, and Wilson County; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-9-101 *et seq.* authorizes public agencies in this state to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 58-8-101 *et seq.* authorizes local governments to provide one another with emergency assistance and aid; and,

WHEREAS, the Agencies wish to create and operate a US&R/Water Rescue Team which will provide response and rescue services throughout Metro Nashville Davidson County/Homeland District 5 and statewide as requested, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Section 58-8-101 *et seq.*, “Mutual Aid and Emergency and Disaster Assistance Act of 2004,” and nationally through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the public interest by the parties hereto that such a multijurisdictional Water Rescue Team be created.

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this intergovernmental agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the intergovernmental agreement by and between Metro and the City of Brentwood, City of Franklin, City of Goodlettsville, City of Hendersonville, the City of Murfreesboro, and Wilson County, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This resolution approves an interlocal agreement between the Metropolitan Government and the City of Brentwood, the City of Franklin, the City of Goodlettsville, the City of Hendersonville, and Wilson County to create and operate a US&R/Water Rescue Team that will provide response and rescue services.

Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-9-101 *et seq.* authorizes public agencies in Tennessee to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements. Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-8-101 *et seq.* authorizes local governments to

provide mutual aid and emergency assistance to one another.

This resolution approves an interlocal cooperation and mutual aid agreement to create and operate a US&R/Water Rescue Team (“Team”) to operate throughout Metro Nashville and Davidson County/Homeland District 5 and statewide. The purpose of the Team is to provide a coordinated multi-disciplined approach to the management of minor, major, or catastrophic disasters and large-scale or complex incidents involving swiftwater rescue and floodwater reconnaissance and evacuations. Metro will be the sponsoring agency and will develop and adopt program training, education, and membership requirements and qualifications and credentialing requirements to meet national standards. The agreement will continue in perpetuity until terminated upon agreement of the parties. Each party may withdraw from the agreement at any time, provided at least 90 days written notice is provided prior to withdrawal.

*Fiscal Note: There is no cost to Metro for the performance of this agreement.*