

January 20, 2026

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
ATTN: The Honorable Kenneth W. Boswell, Director
Post Office Box 5690
Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690

**RE: Volunteer Fire Departments / Fire Departments / Search and Rescue Units in
Baldwin County, Alabama**

Dear Director Boswell:

Please consider this letter as notification by the Baldwin County Commission to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for ADECA to allow Baldwin County volunteer fire departments, fire departments, and search and rescue units to be eligible for the provision of surplus equipment from the State of Alabama. Please see below applicable Alabama laws (in this case, local state legislative acts applicable to Baldwin County) whereby certain tax proceeds are enjoyed by Baldwin County volunteer fire departments, fire departments, and search and rescue units.

1) The 37 Baldwin County volunteer fire departments/fire departments, listed in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, receive portions of certain ad valorem tax proceeds pursuant to the authority found at Section 45-2-242 of the Code of Alabama (1975).

2) The 4 Baldwin County search and rescue units, listed in **Exhibit B** attached hereto, receive portions of certain tobacco tax proceeds pursuant to the authority found at Section 45-2-244.130 through Section 45-2-244.135 of the Code of Alabama (1975).

We are hopeful that the above information will allow any state surplus equipment to be utilized by Baldwin County volunteer fire departments, fire departments, and search and rescue units as they, collectively, benefit the public safety of the citizens of Baldwin County.

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If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Roger H. Rendleman, County Administrator, at (251) 937-0264.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. BALL, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

JEB/kmr Item CA3

cc: Chief Tony Lovell, President, Baldwin County Fire Chiefs' Association -
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ENCLOSURE(S)

EXHIBIT A

Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD)/Fire Departments (FD) [Public Fire/Rescue Service Support Entities]

1. Barnwell VFD
2. Bay Minette FD
3. Belforest VFD
4. Bon Secour VFD
5. Crossroads VFD
6. Daphne FD
7. Elberta VFD
8. Elsanor VFD
9. Fairhope FD
10. Fish River/Marlow VFD
11. Foley FD
12. Fort Morgan VFD
13. Gateswood VFD
14. Gulf Shores FD
15. Huggers Landing/Oyster Bay VFD
16. Josephine VFD
17. Lillian VFD
18. Little River VFD
19. Lottie VFD
20. Loxley VFD
21. Magnolia Springs VFD
22. Orange Beach FD
23. Perdido VFD
24. Perdido Beach VFD
25. Pine Grove VFD
26. Rabun VFD
27. Robertsedale VFD
28. Rosinton VFD
29. Silverhill VFD
30. Seminole VFD
31. Spanish Fort FD
32. Stapleton VFD
33. Stockton VFD
34. Summerdale VFD
35. Styx River VFD
36. Tensaw VFD
37. White House Fork VFD

EXHIBIT B

Search and Rescue Units [Public Search and Rescue Support Entities]

1. Daphne Search and Rescue
2. Lower Alabama Search and Rescue
3. North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue
4. Southern Star Search and Rescue