

January 17, 2023

The Honorable Kenneth W. Boswell
Director
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)
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 (BCC) 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 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/or search and rescue units.

- 1) The 37 Baldwin County volunteer fire departments/fire departments, listed in **Exhibit A** 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 3 Baldwin County search and rescue units, listed in **Exhibit B** 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 Ronald J. Cink, Budget Director/Interim County Administrator, at (251) 937-0264.

Sincerely,

CHARLES F. GRUBER, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

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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 VFD
10. Foley FD
11. Fort Morgan VFD
12. Gateswood VFD
13. Gulf Shores VFD
14. Josephine VFD
15. Lillian VFD
16. Little River VFD
17. Lottie VFD
18. Loxley VFD
19. Magnolia Springs VFD
20. Marlow/Fish River VFD
21. Orange Beach VFD
22. Oyster Bay VFD
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 VFD
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. Lower Alabama Search and Rescue
2. Daphne Search and Rescue
3. North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue