

- authority;
- (i) Governmental subdivision, by its appropriate designated authority;
 - (ii) Board or fire commission of a fire department or governmental subdivision;
 - (iii) Fire department;
 - (iv) Fire company;
 - (v) Rescue squad; or

(vi) Emergency medical services unit WHICH INCLUDES AN ENTITY PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT ~~ALL LEVELS~~ ANY LEVEL.

(3) (i) "Mutual aid agreement" means an agreement to establish and carry into effect a plan to assist in extinguishing fires and preserving life and property within this State, the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, or Pennsylvania by providing fire fighting, rescue or emergency medical equipment, personnel and services.

(ii) "Mutual aid agreement" includes a reciprocal agreement entered into in accordance with this section prior to July 1, 1989.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity may enter into and renew a mutual aid agreement with:

- (1) The District of Columbia;
- (2) Virginia;
- (3) West Virginia;
- (4) Pennsylvania;
- (5) Delaware; or

(6) A fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity of this State, the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, or Delaware.

(c) The agreement may provide that a subscribing party that requests assistance under the agreement indemnifies and saves harmless a party providing assistance under the agreement from all claims by third parties for property damage or personal injury arising out of the mutual aid activities, including travel, of the party providing assistance that occur outside the jurisdiction of the party providing assistance except that the party requesting assistance need not indemnify the party providing assistance if:

(1) The party providing assistance does not cooperate in defending against claims made by third parties; or

(2) The claims by third parties arise out of malicious acts of the party providing assistance.