

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON


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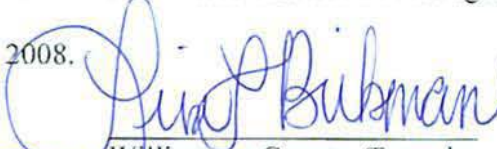
THAT Williamson County, Texas (County), and the **Bartlett** Volunteer Fire Department (Department), an incorporated volunteer fire department as describes in V.A.T.C., LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, 352.001(c), have entered into the following

AGREEMENT

1. Pursuant to its power to provide financial assistance for fire protection in and for Williamson County, and its duty to protect the public health and welfare, the County agrees to pay to the Department the sum of **\$18,000.00**, in two (2) payments. The first payment being made when the county has received a signed agreement accompanied by a detailed accounting of the past year's expenditures of the county allotment. The second payment will be disbursed on or before September 30, 2008. All funds are to be used to defray the cost of equipment and labor required to provide the services described in Paragraph 2.
2. The Department agrees to provide fire protection services in any area in the County when requested by any other fire company, or when dispatched by the County, and shall expend all of the amount set forth in Paragraph 1 for only these purposes during the calendar year 2008.
3. It is understood by the Department that the County cannot commit funds for any future fiscal year, and that this Agreement does not, and cannot, commit the County to renew or repeat this Agreement unless approved by future action of the Williamson County Commissioners' Court.
4. It is understood and agreed that the County has no power to control or supervise the manner and means chosen by the Department to carry out the services specified in Paragraph 2, and that the County shall have no liability for any intentional acts of the Department which are not related to the provision of said services. The Department further agrees to indemnify the County for any loss or expense (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred as a result of any claim against the County by any person or entity, should such claim be based upon any intentional act or omission by the Department which is not related to the provision of the services described in Paragraph 2.

Executed on this the 21 day of MARCH, 2008.

  
Duane Kurtin  
Fire Chief, by authority of  
Bartlett V.F.D.

  
Williamson County, Texas by  
Lisa L. Birkman, by authority of  
Williamson County



## **BARTLETT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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March 21, 2008

Dan A. Gattis  
County Judge  
Williamson County, Texas  
710 Main Street, Suite 101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Judge Gattis;

The Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of all of the fire departments in Williamson County, and also for your support of the Chiefs Association. Your forethought continues to keep our departments operating in times when others are not able to. The following is an accounting of the funds received by Williamson County for FY2007.

Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department purchased a 2006 American LaFrance Pumper-Tanker in 2006, with funds from FEMA. As part of this purchase, we financed approximately \$65,000 dollars to pay for the apparatus. Towards the balance owed on this equipment, we spent \$16,157.40 of our 2007 Williamson County funding, in monthly payments, on this very essential piece of equipment. This truck responds to almost every rural call we make, as it is basically our mobile rural water supply. We also spent \$2500.00 of our Williamson County funding as our co-payment to the Texas Forest Service for the purchase of two (2) gasoline Generators and three (3) sets of truck-mounted scene lights for our rural fire fighting brush trucks. This was a \$10,000 grant with a 25% co-payment. The total of these expenses comes to \$18,657.40, which is just slightly more than we received from the county. If you look back over the years, you will find that we use all of the funds that we receive from Williamson County to upgrade our rural firefighting and rescue capabilities.

We hope that you and the County Commissioners Court all decide continue to provide this vital funding to the rural fire departments in Williamson County, like us, that do not have an Emergency Services Taxing District (ESD). As you know, Bartlett is on the northeastern edge of the county. Our fire district is primarily farm and ranch land with a low population density. With our city being so far from any large municipality, and having no other industry, an ESD will not generate a sustainable level of funds for us to operate on at this time, because of the low population and property values. The funding that we receive from Williamson County, although it seems like a small amount compared to what all of the other departments receive, is a large part of our annual

operating budget, and it would be devastating to our department if you were to cut off those funds. We beg you to continue this funding.

We appreciate the support we receive from Williamson County and from your office. If you require any other information from me, please contact me at 512-658-9096.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane Kurtin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Duane Kurtin  
Fire Chief  
Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department