

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE,
BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE,
COLLEGEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE
SODDY DAISY POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Mutual Aid Agreement (hereinafter, “Agreement”) is entered into between the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and the Parties enumerated in the caption of this Agreement (individually, “Party,” collectively, “Parties”) this ____ day of _____, 2026.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tenn. Code Ann.* § 6-54-307, incorporated cities and towns are authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements with other counties that provide law enforcement services within the State of Tennessee, and pursuant to *Tenn. Code Ann.* § 8-8-212, the sheriff is authorized to enter into agreements with other law enforcement agencies for the exchange of law enforcement officers when required for a particular purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to outline the procedures to be followed in the event of a request for assistance by one of the Parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and considerations specified herein, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **INTENT**. In the event of an emergency or incident requiring it, the elected Sheriff of the counties who are Parties to this Agreement or the appointed Chiefs of the municipalities who are Parties to this Agreement (signatories), may request assistance from the Parties named in this Agreement, when the requesting Party has established the need for additional manpower or equipment.
2. In the event of such request, the Sheriff, Chief, or their designee, may, in their discretion, provide the aid and assistance requested, when, in their opinion, the manpower or equipment is available and will not significantly impair the ability of the assisting agency to provide for the safety and security within their agency’s jurisdiction.
3. If the assisting agency agrees to provide aid, all personnel of the responding agency shall report to and work under the direction and supervision of the highest-ranking law enforcement officer of the assisting agency who is present at the site of the emergency or incident.
4. All personnel and equipment may be recalled by the highest-ranking law enforcement officer of the assisting agency on-site when the officer determines that the need for

aid no longer exists, the situation is beyond the capabilities of the responding agency, or the personnel and equipment are needed by the responding agency to maintain the safety and security of the agency's jurisdiction.

5. Reimbursement, for services or equipment, if any, shall be determined based on the scale and duration of the response.
6. Each Party shall be responsible for defending and/or satisfying any and all claims arising out of the actions of their respective officers as to any incident which results in a claim being brought against said officer and their respective municipality or county, as associated with actions pursuant to this Agreement. In accordance with *Tenn. Code Ann.* § 6-54-307(c), any officer, or employee of a police department of an incorporated city or town, while engaged in any duty or activity in connection with this section or pursuant to orders or instructions from such person's officers or superiors, shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, exemptions and immunities as if such duty or activity were performed within the corporate limits of the incorporated city or town by which such person is employed. Further, pursuant to *Tenn. Code Ann.* § 8-8-212(c)(2), law enforcement officers exchanged shall not be deemed to be special deputies, and *Tenn. Code Ann.* § 8-8-303 shall in no way be applicable to such law enforcement officers while serving in the capacity for the particular purpose for which the exchange or aid was made or granted.
7. The term of this Agreement is one (1) year but may be renewed annually upon review and consent of all Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year entered above.

[signature pages to follow]

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Austin Garrett, Sheriff

BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

James Berrong, Sheriff

BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Steve Lawson Sheriff

ALCOA POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Carswell, Chief

COLLEGEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sapp, Chief

MARYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tony Jay Crisp, Chief

RED BANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dan Seymour, Chief

SODDY DAISY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Billy Petty, Chief