

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Northern Nevada Public Health
and the
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) and the *Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD)* (collectively Party or Parties).

This MOU is intended to outline the understanding between the Parties for the planning and provision of mass prophylaxis in the event of a declared public health emergency. However, the Parties understand that this MOU is intended as a guideline and is not binding on either Party nor does it create any right or entitlement in any third party.

Pursuant to NRS 439.410, NNPH is a public agency with jurisdiction over all public health matters within Washoe County, Nevada.

NNPH, according to the authority granted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), provides mass prophylaxis to residents and visitors in Washoe County using antibiotics, vaccinations and/or medical supplies (Medications) from the CDC's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) in the event of a declared public health emergency (Emergency). Emergencies may involve acts of terrorism, the aftermath and response to weapons of mass destruction or a naturally occurring large scale disease outbreak.

The *TMFPD* is an organization capable of receiving and administering and/or dispensing Medications to *TMFPD* staff and staff family members in a safe manner. As the *TMFPD* provides critical community services, including but not limited to, emergency medical services, it is in the interest of all parties to maintain the continuity of operations of *TMFPD* services during an emergency by administering and/or dispensing medications to *TMFPD* staff and staff family members.

Therefore, it is the intent of the Parties as follows:

1. *TMFPD* and NNPH intend to mutually support each other in planning for an Emergency, including *TMFPD* providing a contact person(s) to work with the NNPH to develop a plan whereby *TMFPD* would receive, administer and/or dispense the appropriate Medications to *TMFPD* staff and staff family members (Plan). Among other things, the Plan shall include notification methods of an Emergency by the NNPH, critical staff contact information, Plan activation, storage, and administration and/or dispensing of Medications.
2. NNPH intends to provide training and education to *TMFPD* staff who will function in key positions in the administration and/or dispensing of Medications for the Plan. NNPH will coordinate with the *TMFPD* to review its dispensing plan once every two years to facilitate programmatic planning updates. *TMFPD* intends to participate in a tabletop, functional or full-scale exercise to test the Plan with support from, and as agreed upon by, the NNPH and *TMFPD*.

3. *TMFPD* intends to provide to NNPH the number of *TMFPD* staff and staff family members so that an adequate supply of Medications may be delivered to *TMFPD* upon declaration of an Emergency. The NNPH will also provide printed materials (medication fact sheets and medical screening forms) with any Medications specific to the Emergency. The amount and type of Medication supplied by NNPH shall be determined solely by NNPH based on the availability of Medications to NNPH.
4. This MOU will be effective for one year from the date signed by the Northern Nevada Public Health's District Health Officer.

By: _____
Richard Edwards, Fire Chief
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Date: _____

By: _____
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Northern Nevada Public Health District Health Officer