



October 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Mineral County Fire & EMS, I am writing to express our strong support for the White Mountain Fire Protection District and their continued efforts to provide critical fire suppression and emergency services to our region.

Since the establishment of the Mutual Aid Agreement between White Mountain Fire Protection District and Mineral County Fire Department in 2018, we have witnessed firsthand the tremendous value of their cooperative approach to emergency response. This partnership exemplifies the best of interagency collaboration, ensuring that communities on both sides of the California-Nevada border receive prompt and professional emergency services when they need them most.

The White Mountain Fire Protection District has consistently demonstrated their commitment to:

- **Regional Safety:** Their willingness to provide mutual aid across jurisdictional boundaries ensures no community is left without adequate fire protection, regardless of geographic or administrative boundaries.
- **Professional Excellence:** The district maintains high standards of training and readiness, enabling them to respond effectively to diverse emergency situations ranging from structure fires to wildland incidents in our challenging terrain.
- **Resource Optimization:** Through their mutual aid partnership, both agencies maximize the efficient use of limited resources, ensuring taxpayer funds are used wisely while maintaining the highest levels of public safety.
- **Communication and Coordination:** Despite operating on different radio systems (VHF for White Mountain, UHF for Mineral County), the district has shown remarkable adaptability in maintaining effective inter-agency communications during joint operations.

The mutual aid agreement has proven invaluable during several critical incidents where the combined resources of both departments were essential to protecting lives and property. The seamless coordination between White Mountain Fire Protection District and their partner agencies reflects their professionalism and dedication to serving the greater good.

We strongly support continued funding and resources for the White Mountain Fire Protection District. Their service extends far beyond their immediate jurisdiction, providing a critical safety net for rural communities

MINERAL COUNTY
Fire Chief Chris Lawrence



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throughout the region. The district's commitment to mutual aid ensures that help is available when disasters strike, regardless of political boundaries.

The men and women of the White Mountain Fire Protection District deserve our recognition and support for their selfless service and dedication to protecting our communities. We urge all relevant authorities to provide the necessary support to ensure this vital agency can continue its mission of safeguarding lives and property throughout our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Lawrence'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chief Chris Lawrence

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