



Hurricane Symposium

Mutual Aid in Massachusetts

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Types of Mutual Aid

- Intrastate...in-state mutual aid, fire mobilization
- Interstate...state-to-state mutual aid, EMAC
- International...country-to-country, IEMAC



Types of Mutual Aid

- Statewide Mutual Aid Law
 - Chapter 40 section 4-J

- DPW Mutual Aid Law
 - Chapter 40 section 4-K



Statewide Mutual Aid

- Signed by Governor Patrick on July 27th, 2010, as part of the Municipal Relief Act.
- Creates framework for parties who wish to join the agreement. The agreement can include cities, towns, governmental units and regional transit authorities.



Statewide Mutual Aid

- Opt in format, Mayor, BOS after vote, (Chief Exec Officer for governmental units).
- Takes place 30 days after MEMA receives notice to opt in.
- To opt out same process, takes effect 10 days after receipt of letter.
- Does not invalidate other agreements already in place nor prevent any additional agreements from being signed.
- Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement may be used for any public safety incident.



Statewide Mutual Aid

- Request may be made orally or in writing by authorized representative of requesting community, EMD, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town Administrator, Mayor, Health Director, DPW Director etc., Chief Municipal Officer.
- Oral requests shall be reduced to writing no later than 72 hrs after request.



Statewide Mutual Aid

- If resources are requested, every effort should be made to fill, however resources may be withheld to provide reasonable protection and coverage in their own community.
- Requesting party shall have operational control over resources, however sending party retains supervision and overall command & control over assets.



Statewide Mutual Aid

- While providing assistance under this agreement the sending party shall be afforded the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, they have in their jurisdiction.
- While under this agreement the sending party shall be responsible for salaries, O.T. etc. unless a supplementary agreement is made



Statewide Mutual Aid

- The sending community shall maintain employee benefits, workers comp, insurance
- The requesting community shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless each sending party from all third-party claims that may arise.
- Parties may enter into supplemental mutual aid agreements.



Public Works Mutual Aid

- Fundamentally the same as the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, with a few differences:
 - Can be used for day-to-day work
 - Has an advisory board that oversees the agreement
 - Allows governmental units in states contiguous to the Commonwealth to join, using the same method.

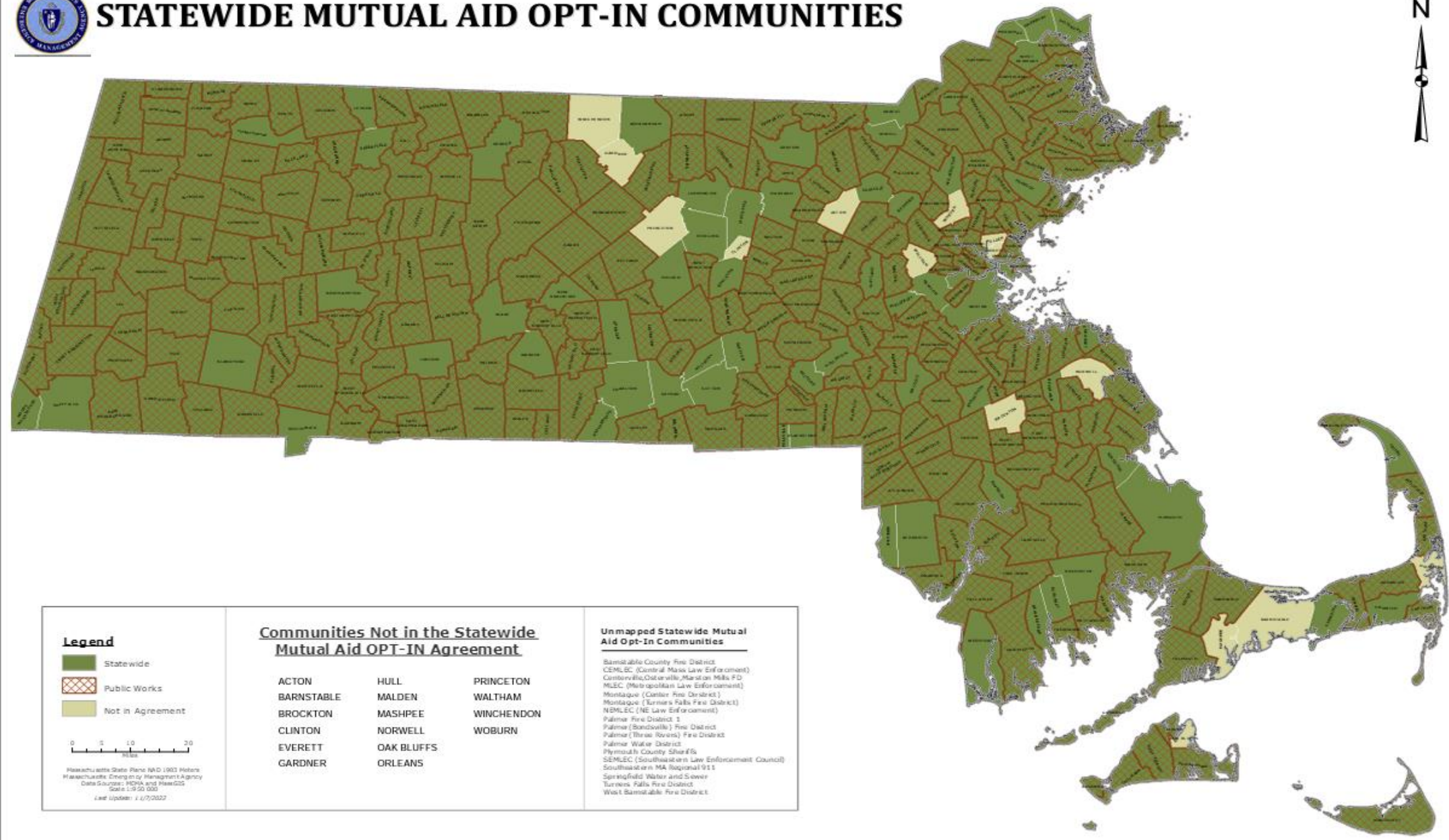


Opted In

- Statewide Mutual Aid
 - 345 Communities/Gov. Units have opted in
- Public Works Mutual Aid
 - 267 Communities have opted in



STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID OPT-IN COMMUNITIES



<p>Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide Public Works Not in Agreement <p style="font-size: small;">0 5 10 20 Miles</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Massachusetts State Plane NAD 1983 Meters Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Data Source: GISMA and GISMA Scale 1:950,000 Last Update: 1/17/2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Communities Not in the Statewide Mutual Aid OPT-IN Agreement</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ACTON</td> <td>HULL</td> <td>PRINCETON</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BARNSTABLE</td> <td>MALDEN</td> <td>WALTHAM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BROCKTON</td> <td>MASHPEE</td> <td>WINCHENDON</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CLINTON</td> <td>NORWELL</td> <td>WOBURN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EVERETT</td> <td>OAK BLUFFS</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>GARDNER</td> <td>ORLEANS</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	ACTON	HULL	PRINCETON	BARNSTABLE	MALDEN	WALTHAM	BROCKTON	MASHPEE	WINCHENDON	CLINTON	NORWELL	WOBURN	EVERETT	OAK BLUFFS		GARDNER	ORLEANS		<p style="text-align: center;">Unmapped Statewide Mutual Aid Opt-In Communities</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Barnstable County Fire District CEMLIC (Central Mass Law Enforcement) Concord/Cotterville/Mendon Mills P.D. MLEC (Metropolitan Law Enforcement) Montague (Center Fire District) Montague (Turner Falls Fire District) NEMLEC (NE Law Enforcement) Palmer Fire District 3 Palmer (Sandwich) Fire District Palmer (Three Rivers) Fire District Palmer Water District Plymouth County Sheriff's SEMLEC (Southwestern Law Enforcement Council) Southeastern MA Regional 911 Springfield Water and Sewer Turners Falls Fire District West Barnstable Fire District</p>
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