

HB 549 -- Civil Defense Mutual-Aid Agreements

Sponsor: Bruns

This bill allows the executive officer of any public safety agency to enter into a mutual-aid agreement for reciprocal emergency aid and specifies that the Department of Public Safety will administer the Missouri Statewide Mutual Aid System.

Any employee of a political subdivision or public safety agency responding to an emergency, disaster, or public safety need that is not declared by the Governor as an emergency is subject to the liability and workers' compensation provisions provided to him or her as an employee of the subdivision or agency. However, during a Governor-declared emergency, any employee responding will not be liable for civil damages or administrative sanctions for the failure to exercise the skill and learning of an ordinarily careful public safety professional in similar circumstances but will be liable for damages due to willful and wanton acts or omissions in rendering services.