# REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County") and the South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, a municipal corporation (herein after referred to as "City Fire").

#### Recitals

WHEREAS, County applied for a Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant program ("Grant"), which receives funding for the State Homeland Security Program ("SHSP"); and

WHEREAS, County was awarded grant funds in the amount of \$261,917 which was included in the County Sheriff's Department Fiscal Year 2014/15, and 2015/16 budgets; and

WHEREAS, Grant provides funding for planning, equipment, training, exercises and management/administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, County, as the Operational Area lead agency, will receive the grant funds, purchase and loan equipment to other participating agencies, or subgrant funds to the agencies to purchase equipment, and eventually transfer ownership of the equipment system to participating agencies after grant audits are completed; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Homeland Security Grant, the County Board of Supervisors created an Approval Authority, representing the City of Placerville, City of South Lake Tahoe, Sheriff, Public Health and Fire Districts, on April 8, 2003, to distribute the Grant funds at the local level; and

WHEREAS, City Fire is a local participating agency in the Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Approval Authority has agreed to disburse an amount not to exceed \$20,329 in SHSP grant funds for salaries and benefits and equipment to City Fire, for City Fire to operate the South Tahoe Action Team program designed to incorporate trained citizens in the field with City Fire and other responders during times of crisis (hereinafter referred to as "Program");

NOW, THEREFORE, County and City Fire mutually agree as follows:

# **ARTICLE I**

Payment of Funds: County will transfer to City Fire the sum of an amount not to exceed \$20,329 within sixty (60) days after City Fire presents an invoice to County for the Program. In no event shall County's obligation under this Agreement exceed \$20,329.

#### ARTICLE II

Use of Funds: City Fire will use the funds to be disbursed by County solely for the purpose of operating the Program. City Fire will complete the Program by May 1, 2016, and present the County with an invoice for payment. In the event City Fire does not complete the Program by May 1, 2016, and invoice the County by May 1, 2016, an additional thirty (30) day extension may be requested. If Program is not completed within this extension, County's obligation for payment shall be null and void, and upon written demand by County, City Fire shall return any funds it has received from County and not spent on the Program to County within thirty (30) days of mailing of written demand of County.

City Fire shall submit to County its statement of the total sum of an amount not to exceed \$20,329, identical to Attachment "A" noting that the Program has been completed. Such statement shall be signed under penalty of perjury by an authorized signatory of City Fire.

## **ARTICLE III**

Term: This Agreement shall become effective upon full execution by both parties hereto and shall cover the period of September 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016.

# ARTICLE IV

Audit and Access to Records: The County shall have the right of access to any books, documents, papers, or other records which are pertinent to the Grant, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts and transcripts. For a period of three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement, City Fire will keep and maintain an accurate financial account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of all funds expended by City Fire with respect to the Program. Such accounting records shall be available for inspection by the County's designee, during normal business hours at the offices of City Fire, or the offices of its financial consultant.

#### ARTICLE V

Compliance with Applicable Law and Grant Requirements: City Fire has read and understands the Grant and will comply with and require any vendor of the Program to comply with all laws, regulations and guidance documents that apply to the Grant.

#### ARTICLE VI

Independent City Liability: City Fire is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the acts of the City Fire's employees, associates, agents, and contractors, if any, in connection with the Program.

## ARTICLE VII

No Third Party Beneficiary: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights of any kind or nature in any other party not a named party to this Agreement.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

Termination: County may terminate this Agreement in the event City Fire becomes unable to substantially perform any terms or conditions of the Agreement. In the event of early termination of this Agreement, funds previously received from County, which have not been spent by City Fire on the Program, shall be returned to County by City Fire within thirty (30) days of termination.

## ARTICLE IX

Notice to Parties: All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested. Notices to County shall be in duplicate and addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO 300 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667 ATTN: Alison Winter, Sr. Department Analyst

or to such other location as the County directs.

Notices to City Fire shall be addressed as follows:

City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department 2101 Lake Tahoe Blvd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 ATTN: Leslie Asbury, Captain

or to such other location as City Fire directs.

#### ARTICLE X

Indemnity: City Fire shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages of every name, kind and description, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to or in any

way arise out of or are connected with the Training. This duty of City Fire to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code section 2778.

This obligation to defend and indemnify the County shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect. Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, City Fire shall provide proof in a form satisfactory to the County's Risk Manger of participation in a self-insurance program, or proof of insurance sufficient to meet City Fire's defense and indemnification obligations herein.

#### ARTICLE XI

Change to Agreement: This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said Amendment shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

## ARTICLE XII

Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Alison Winter, Sr. Department Analyst, or successor.

# ARTICLE XIII

Authorized Signatures: The parties to this Agreement represent that the undersigned individuals executing this Agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties to the obligations set forth herein.

#### ARTICLE XIV

Partial Invalidity: If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

#### ARTICLE XV

Venue: Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including but not limited to litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California. City Fire waives any removal rights it might have under Code of Civil Procedure Section 394.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

Entire Agreement: This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understandings.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

Time is of the Essence: The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that time is of the essence.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE: Dated: 4/25/15 John D'Agostini Sheriff IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first below written. COUNTY OF EL DORADO: Dated: 5-12-15 Brian Veerkamp, Chair Board of Supervisors ATTEST: ATTEST: James S. Mitrisin, Clerk Susan Alessi, City Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Date: Susan Ales Deputy Clerk Dated: CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Hal Cole, Mayor

## ATTACHMENT "A"

Dated: 4/10/15

Sheriff D'Agostini Sheriff Department County of El Dorado 360 Fair Lane Placerville, California 95667

Re:

City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant

Dear Sheriff D'Agostini:

I certify that the City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department completed the South Tahoe Action Team Program. Attached are the receipts for this Program. Please remit the reimbursement at your earliest convenience.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing certification is true and correct. Executed on the date written above in El Dorado County, State of California.

The City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

JEFF MESTON, Fire chief (Print name & title)