

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING****BETWEEN****POLK COUNTY, TEXAS****AND****DAVITA DIALYSIS**

PURPOSE: Natural and man-made disasters can affect the social stability of a community without warning. Disaster may require the mass evacuation of thousands of citizens from coastal areas. Since the Texas Traffic Management Plan brings evacuee through Polk County it is necessary to arrange for specialized medical services to be available. Some of those medical services are required to sustain life and without access to these services, death or serious injury may occur. Dialysis is one such service that may be required by those evacuating through Polk County. This MOU is intended to arrange for the treatment of those needing dialysis, during a disaster, to be able to access the services offered by DaVita Dialysis.

AGENCIES RESPONSIBILITIES:**Polk County agrees to:**

1. Advise DaVita Dialysis as soon as practical of the evacuation of coastal counties that may be routed through Polk County.
2. Provide emergency escort for those evacuees who are in urgent need of dialysis when advised of the emergency.
3. Assist in the City of Livingston in any reasonable manner to keep the access to DaVita Dialysis clear of debris or other obstruction that may occur during a disaster.
4. Provide emergency information to the staff of DaVita Dialysis when requested during the disaster.
5. Assist in allowing access for the generator vendor of DaVita Dialysis' choice, to deliver the necessary generator services during a disaster.
6. Advise the Disaster District Chair, (DDC) in Lufkin of the availability or non-availability of dialysis services by DaVita Dialysis.

7. Provide access to emergency staff working in the Polk County Office of Emergency Management during disasters to answer questions concerning circumstances that may hinder their operational mission

DaVita Dialysis agrees to:

1. When advised by Polk County OEM of a pending evacuation that will bring traffic through Polk County, make all effort to process their local clients as quickly as possible to make room for potential evacuees with emergency needs.
2. Advise the Polk County Office of Emergency Management whenever circumstances prevent them from providing dialysis services. This includes the loss of power.
3. Install the necessary connections for an emergency generator to power their facilities and advise the Polk County OEM whenever a generator has been requested, to allow for escort services if deemed necessary.
4. To provide the name, address and phone number of other dialysis units to refer patients to whenever DaVita Dialysis cannot provide services.
5. This MOU may be terminated by either party with a written notice; otherwise, it will remain in effect for a period of five years from the latest signature date.

Tenure:

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Approved by:



Polk County Judge

Victoria Gartman

Date

Date



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

AND

THE UPPER LAKE LIVINGSTON WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (ULLWA)

PURPOSE: Natural and man-made disasters can affect the social stability of a community without warning. The efforts of first responders, medical staff and city and county elected officials require quality communication venues. Experiences with previous disasters in Polk County have proven the need for redundant communication systems that do not have the wide span of vulnerabilities of a communication system dependant on towers and/or electricity. Ham radios require only equipment and battery power to operate.

AGENCIES RESPONSIBILITIES:**Polk County agrees to:**

Provide access to the EOC during disaster operations to those designated by the ULLWA as ham radio operators.

Provide the necessary identification credentials to ULLWA members volunteering as ham radio operators.

Provide the equipment and space within the EOC for those members of the ULLWA operating ham radios during EOC operations.

Provide information to the ULLWA's emergency coordinator pertinent to disaster events or preparedness operations.

Include members of the ULLWA in countywide disaster drills.

Provide meals, water and restroom facilities to ULLWA volunteers working in the EOC during disasters.

Upper Lake Livingston Wireless Association agrees to:

Designate a ULLWA member as the Emergency Coordinator for their association who will work with the Emergency Management Coordinator for Polk County.

Provide properly licensed ham radio operators as deemed necessary to maintain the continuity of operation of the communication structure of the Polk County Office of Emergency Management.

Insure ULLWA members will wear proper identification while working within the EOC.

Insure all members understand that the information received while working in the EOC is not for public dissemination but must go through the appointed Public Information Officer.

Will maintain all ham radio equipment used in the Emergency Operation Center and other County locations at all times. Any malfunctions that are discovered during monthly checks that need major repair will be reported to the Emergency Management Coordinator immediately.

Will provide a network of amateur radio operators throughout the county to assist the communication infrastructure during emergency operations.

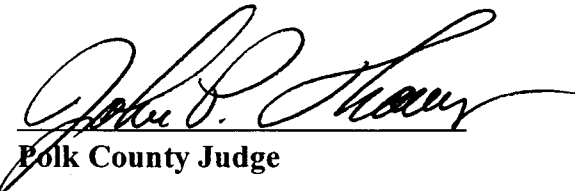
Will provide members who will volunteer as Storm Watchers when activated by NOAA or the Polk County OEM.

Will arrange for Storm Watcher training on an annual basis.

Tenure:

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Approved by:



Polk County Judge

President, ULLWA

Date

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