

DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
COVER SHEET

PROVIDER: Township of Union COUNTY: Union

RECIPIENT: County of Union COUNTY: Union

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

Shared use of First Alert System

EFFECTIVE DATE: Aug 25, 2015

EXPIRATION DATE: Oct 31, 2018

Please submit this cover sheet with shared service agreement either via email to EGG@dca.state.nj.us or hard copies may be mailed to the Division of Local Government Services at PO Box 803, Trenton, NJ 08625-0803. Mailed correspondence should be sent to the attention of Shared Services.

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The County of Union
and the
Township of Union

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is an expression of intent among the participants to cooperate with each other on the usage and sharing of the Union County First Alert System that has been paid for by a Homeland Security Grant for Domestic Preparedness. The participants recognize that such cooperation and shared use of the First Alert System is critical in response to emergencies.

WHEREAS, The primary functional component of the First Alert System is the capability of notifying all of the county citizenry in the event of an emergency in the most expedient way possible utilizing various forms of transmission and state of the art technology.

WHEREAS, The primary and core mission is to allow County municipalities the ability to utilize the First Alert System for its use as part of a shared services initiative for emergencies.

WHEREAS, The First Alert System can also inform registered citizens with other information including traffic, weather and special event updates.

WHEREAS, The First Alert System will provide citizens and businesses with critical information, warnings and advisories concerning area emergencies and other critical incidents within the municipalities.

WHEREAS, By using a series of computers and recorded voice messages, The First Alert System will rapidly and efficiently contact citizens and businesses by telephone, e-mail, and text messages to provide emergency information.

WHEREAS, The First Alert System allows citizens to take immediate positive actions to protect themselves in case of an emergency; and it saves valuable time, effort, and money, and can saves lives.

WHEREAS, The First Alert System will remain under the management, and primary control of the County of Union.

DEFINITIONS:

The following terms shall have the following meanings when used in this MOU:

Emergency- a sudden unforeseen crisis (usually involving danger) that requires immediate action such as a natural disaster, national emergency, hazardous chemical spill, or other potential danger.

First Alert System- The system under the management of the County of Union established through a contract with Cooper Notification for a period of five years ending October 31, 2018 which can be used to notify registered users via sms text messaging, email or phone.

Spam- Unsolicited e-mail, often of a commercial nature, sent indiscriminately to multiple mailing lists, individuals, or newsgroups; junk e-mail.

MUTUAL AGREEMENT:

The parties agree to act in concert to facilitate a quick and effective response to any emergency incident or situation. The municipality agrees to reimburse the County twelve (12) cents for every call that is made on the First Alert System. However, all e-mails and sms text-messages which are sent through the First Alert system will be at no additional cost to the municipality. No Spam messages shall be sent via email, and use of the text message and e-mail feature shall in compliance with Verizon's policies which is incorporated by reference. To register for the First Alert System Citizens must sign up at www.ucfirstalert.com.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

The County will provide training to the municipal representative(s) utilizing the system. Only municipality representatives who are trained to use the First Alert System and are given a username and password are authorized to use the system.

TERM OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Upon approval by all parties, this agreement will expire on October 31, 2018, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

TERMINATION:

This MOU may be terminated at any time before the term expires, by written agreement of all parties upon 60 days notice.

This MOU may be terminated by the County of Union if there is any violation of use as enumerated in this document.

MODIFICATION:

This MOU may be modified at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

WHEREAS, It is the intent and purpose of this MOU to establish and promote an understanding of the importance of a mutual cooperative effort between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as follows.

ATTEST:

COUNTY OF UNION




JAMES E. PELLETTIERE, CLERK
Board of Chosen Freeholders

BY 

ALFRED J. FAELLA
County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM



ROBERT E. BARRY, ESQ.
County Counsel

TOWNSHIP OF UNION AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



Authorized Signatory

MANUEL FIGUEIREDO
Print Name

MAYOR
Print Title