MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT And AMERICAN RED CROSS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CHAPTER

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines the cooperative relationship between American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter and Santa Barbara County Public Health Department with respect to the storage of emergency medical supplies and equipment for Santa Barbara County and the staging of such supplies and equipment during a disaster.

Recognition

The Santa Barbara County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) recognizes that the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD) has primary responsibility for planning and responding to medical health emergencies and disasters and has responsibility to coordinate other disaster medical/health response organizations in the County.

The SBCPHD recognizes the ARC as a primary disaster relief service agency, chartered by Congress, through which the American people voluntarily extend assistance to those in need after the occurrence of any disaster.

On this basis, SBCPHD and ARC agree to enter into this cooperative agreement whereby ARC will allow SBCPHD to store its emergency medical supplies and equipment in ARC's Santa Maria warehouse facility.

Access to Supplies and Equipment

ARC will provide SBCPHD with regular access to the warehouse facility for the inventorying and maintenance of supplies and 24/7 access to the warehouse facility and necessary equipment when the cache of supplies is needed for an emergency response. ARC will also provide SBCPHD with contact information for volunteer or paid staff authorized to open the warehouse facility for these purposes.

Pallet Racks

The ARC will provide warehouse space for a three-tiered shelving structure to be used jointly by the SBCPHD and the ARC. SBCPHD will provide pallet racks and their installation for the storage of emergency medical supplies and equipment in the warehouse facility. The completed shelving structure will be shared by the parties, with SBCPHD having access to 40 pallet spaces and the ARC having access to an equal number of pallet spaces. These racks will remain property of the SBCPHD for the duration of this agreement and may be removed should this agreement be terminated. The ARC will conduct periodic inspections and pay for any minor or routine maintenance to assure the integrity of the shelving structure. Any major defects or damage costing over \$75 will be discussed between the parties and repair costs will be assessed as agreed upon.

Reach Truck

SBCPHD will provide a reach truck, which will be stored in the ARC Santa Maria warehouse facility, to mobilize the stored emergency medical supplies and equipment should they be needed in the event of an exercise or emergency. ARC will employ certified staff or volunteer reach truck operators, maintain the reach truck and charging base, and cover the cost of maintaining the reach truck and keeping it charged. In exchange, ARC may use the reach truck for the mobilization of its own property and warehouse contents. This reach truck will remain property of the SBCPHD for the duration of this agreement and may be removed should this agreement be terminated.

Supplies

ARC authorizes SBCPHD to keep its emergency medical supplies at the ARC Santa Maria warehouse facility until a time to be determined. SBCPHD will provide a list of the stored supplies and equipment to the ARC Emergency Services Director. SBCPHD will have responsibility for inventorying their supplies, replacing out-of-date supplies and for loading/unloading any of their supplies, including from the shelving. The ARC will assist with this loading/unloading if possible. The SBCPHD will not store any hazardous materials in the warehouse facility and the ARC Chief Executive Officer has the final decision on what materials and equipment may be stored in the facility. While ARC will make all efforts to ensure the protection of SBCPHD supplies and equipment, ARC does not assume responsibility for any damage, expiration, deterioration or theft of SBCPHD supplies or equipment.

Term of Agreement

American Red Cross signatories are as follows:

This MOU is intended to be a long-term, mutually beneficial agreement. Should either party be dissatisfied with the MOU for any reason, such party may request a change to the MOU after providing 60 days written notice to the other party. This MOU will be reviewed annually by each party.

Signatures

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LOUISE KOLBERT, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross-Santa Barbara County Chapter
Date: 5-12-10
Public Health Department signatories are as follows: NANCY LAPOLLA, MPH, Director, Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
Date: May 12, 20010