



CITY OF WILLOW PARK
PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST

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Governmental bodies shall promptly release requested information that is not confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision, or information for which an exception to disclosure has not been sought.

All public information requests go through the City Attorney before approval for release.

1. May I have a copy of the current reciprocity agreement between the Willow Park Fire Department and other Parker County Fire Departments and ESDs?
2. When was the reciprocity agreement approved?
3. Who are the other fire departments who have joined the reciprocity agreement?
4. How many man-hours does Willow Park Fire Department spend assisting other county fire departments and ESDs?
5. How many man-hours do other county fire departments and ESDs spend assisting Willow Park Fire Department?
6. Who decides when the Willow Park Fire Department will assist in incidents outside Willow Park? Who asks for assistance from other fire and emergency entities when Willow Park needs assistance with incidents inside Willow Park?

1. May I have a copy of the current reciprocity agreement between the Willow Park Fire Department and other Parker County Fire Departments and ESDs?

The city does not have a reciprocity agreement with Parker County Fire Departments or ESDs.

2. When was the reciprocity agreement approved? N/A

3. Who are the other fire departments who have joined the reciprocity agreement? N/A

4. How many man-hours does Willow Park Fire Department spend assisting other county fire departments and ESDs?

5. How many man-hours do other county fire departments and ESDs spend assisting Willow Park Fire Department?

At this time, I do not have a way to measure how many hours we have spent assisting other agencies. We tend to look at things on a call volume basis versus hours. I have attached the data dating back to 2018 showing the number of incidents where Willow Park received aid from other agencies and where Willow Park provided aid to other agencies.

2021

AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	14	1.4%
Automatic aid received	100	10.2%
Mutual aid given	43	4.4%
Automatic aid given	121	12.3%
Other aid given	1	0.1%
None	703	71.6%

2020

AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	7	0.9%
Automatic aid received	62	8.0%
Mutual aid given	20	2.6%
Automatic aid given	110	14.2%
None	578	74.4%

AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	3	0.4%
Automatic aid received	67	8.9%

2019

Mutual aid given	31	4.1%
Automatic aid given	86	11.5%
None	564	75.1%

2018

AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	62	6.8%
Automatic aid received	23	2.5%
Mutual aid given	38	4.2%
Automatic aid given	132	14.5%
Other aid given	3	0.3%
None	650	71.6%

6. Who decides when the Willow Park Fire Department will assist in incidents outside Willow Park? Who asks for assistance from other fire and emergency entities when Willow Park needs assistance with incidents inside Willow Park?

Automatic Aid Agreements are response plans that have been built and agreed upon between agencies prior to an incident. The plan is uploaded to the County’s Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD). When a call is received by Parker County Fire Alarm it is given a call type. The call type is matched with the response plan for its geographic location and the appropriate resources are sent. Automatic Aid allows districts solve common issues like staffing and access issues that are encountered on a regular basis. Automatic Aid Agreements are generally formed with a mission in mind.

Mutual Aid Agreements are agreements that are formed to be broader and less specific. The agreement essentially states, “I will help you if you help me.” A few terms may be included as to how long and how often resources can be utilized.

The Willow Park Fire Department utilizes both styles of agreements with agencies within the county. The person who normally requests resources will be the incident commander for whatever incident is taking place. The Willow Park Fire Department officer staff (Captain, Deputy Chief, Fire Chief) then decides if it can fill the request based on the resources available. Similarly, if the Willow Park Fire Department responds to an incident where the incident commander determines more resources will be required, a request will be made to surrounding agencies for assistance. The Willow Park Fire Department is a good neighbor and provides assistance on a regular and consistent basis, but Willow Park will always remain the priority for the Willow Park Fire Department.