



Staff Report

Meeting Date: Feb 3, 2026
Meeting Type: City Council

To: City Council
From: Police Dept.
Item Title: Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the police chief to provide regularly employed law enforcement officers to assist any other municipality.

Background: It is that time of year again for carnival and parades. The Longbeach Police Department and Pass Christian Police Department have requested mutual aid during their upcoming carnival events. All 2026 mutual aid requests are attached. The mutual aid resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to provide assistance to other municipalities, which was passed by council on February 4, 2025, is also attached.

Chief William Seal of the Longbeach Police Department has requested mutual aid during their upcoming Long Beach Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade on February 7, 2026. We will be sending three officers over to their city to help with their event. The officers will be using city equipment, assigned police vehicle and paid overtime to participate.

Chief Daren Freeman of the Pass Christian Police Department is requesting mutual aid during their upcoming St. Paul Carnival Association parade on February 15, 2026. We will be sending four police officers over to their city to help with their event. The officers will be using city equipment, assigned police vehicle and paid overtime to participate.

The Bay St. Louis Police Department has sent mutual aid requests to multiple agencies for the upcoming events, The Mystic Crew of Seahorse parade on February 16, 2026 and The Krew of Real People The Next Generation parade on February 17, 2026. The Longbeach Police Department and Pass Christian Police Department have agreed to send their officers to each of the Bay St. Louis events reciprocating the mutual aid assistance. We will also have other agencies assist as we did last year.

Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: Resolution & 2026 Mutual Aid Requests