

## TOWN COUNCIL

### STAFF REPORT

#### Bluffton Police Department



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	May 9, 2023
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Regional MOA's
<b>PROJECT MANAGER:</b>	Joseph Babkiewicz- Chief of Police

**REQUEST:** Town Staff requests Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to execute two additional MOA's with Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and Surrounding Agencies. The MOA's are for the School Resource Officer's and a Crime Scene Unit.

These positions will be on a call-out/part time position as needed. Beaufort County will supply all equipment needed for these additional responsibilities. The SRO's from each jurisdiction will work together to share information from school to school.

**BACKGROUND:** Beaufort City, Port Royal, Bluffton Police, and Beaufort County Sheriff's office are all looking to come together and regionalize special teams that will provide services throughout Beaufort County. Each department will have personnel on these teams to help support all of our local agencies and communities.

**NEXT STEPS:** The next steps for the implementation of these teams to seek interest from officers on each team. Class 3 officers will be hired to fill any/all school positions within the Town of Bluffton. The officers selected for each team will go through specific training provided by BCSO before being part of the callout schedule.

**SUMMARY:** These MOU's will help all local law enforcement agencies work together to provided services to each of their communities. It also provides our officers with an opportunity to train in various special skills that they can bring back to the department to help improve our operational capabilities. In addition, it will help provide the Town of Bluffton with additional resources during

a major event. This will help continue to keep the Town of Bluffton one of the safest communities in the state.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

MOU for Crime Scene Team

MOU for School Resource Officer