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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: November 7, 2024

RE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-100: APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AREA CITIES TO ENTER INTO THE MID-FLORIDA SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-100 approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the cities of Clermont, Eustis, Groveland, Leesburg and Mount Dora to enter into an interagency task force - the Mid-Florida Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

Background:

The Clermont Police Department, Eustis Police Department, Groveland Police Department, Leesburg Police Department and Mount Dora Police Department will enter into an agreement to work together as the Mid-Florida SWAT Team, a multiagency unit, organized and formulated to work together to respond to calls needing the specialized services of a SWAT team. Staff believe that the continued use of one larger Inter-Agency SWAT Team will allow for the most economical and efficient use of their respective SWAT team resources. Working together will also ensure that necessary situations will have the needed manpower to respond for officer and citizen safety with a monetary savings to all agencies. If approved, the Memorandum of Understanding will be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027. This agreement may be canceled by any party upon delivery of written notice to the other parties.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of resolution.

Budget Impact:

The exact budgetary impact has not been evaluated at this time. However, it is expected that the individual cities should see monetary savings as no one agency is shouldering the entire cost of a SWAT Team.

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