

**2024-2027 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE MID-FLORIDA SWAT TEAM TASK FORCE**

**CLERMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
EUSTIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GROVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
MOUNT DORA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clermont, the City of Eustis, the City of Groveland, the City of Leesburg, and the City of Mount Dora, along with several other municipalities, have entered into that duly signed Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement dated August 6, 2024 ("Mutual Aid Agreement"), which is in effect for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, "Section II, Provisions for Operational Assistance" in the Mutual Aid Agreement allows agencies that are party to the Mutual Aid Agreement to request and render law enforcement assistance to the other agencies which are party thereto, including but not limited to the establishment and operation Inter-Agency task forces such as Special Weapons and Tactics teams ("SWAT teams"); and

WHEREAS, the Clermont Police Department, the Eustis Police Department, the Groveland Police Department, the Leesburg Police Department, and the Mount Dora Police Department ("Participating Agencies") formed the inter-agency SWAT team known as the Mid-Florida SWAT Team Task Force (hereinafter "MID-FLORIDA SWAT") and believe that the continued operation of MID-FLORIDA SWAT per the terms of this Agreement will allow for the most economical and efficient use of their respective SWAT team resources; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth general terms for operation of MID-FLORIDA SWAT by the Participating Agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. MID-FLORIDA SWAT is a multi-agency unit, created by the Participating Agencies. MID-FLORIDA SWAT is organized and formulated to allow the Participating Agencies to work together to respond to calls that require the specialized services of a SWAT team per the terms of this Agreement.
- B. The Participating Agencies incorporate the terms of Mutual Aid Agreement into this Agreement in entirety and this Agreement shall be deemed the continued formalization of a SWAT Task Force contemplated by Section II of that agreement.
- C. The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, from each Participating Agency will act as a member of the Board of Directors for MID-FLORIDA SWAT ("Board of Directors"). The Board of Directors will develop command structures, develop protocols, and ensure team members are trained in compliance with professional standards.
- D. Each Participating Agency shall designate a representative that has the authority to request or render SWAT team assistance on behalf of their agency.

- E. When services are requested, each designated representative will evaluate the request for services and his/her available resources, and respond in a manner he/she deems appropriate.
- F. The Chief of Police, or their designee, of the jurisdiction where the SWAT activity is located will act as the High-Risk Incident Commander ("HRIC") for events occurring within their jurisdiction.
- G. Whenever a team member of a Participating Agency is rendering assistance under this Agreement, the team member shall abide by and be subject to the rules and regulations, personnel policies, general orders, and standard operating procedures of his/her own employing agency. If at any time, any rule, regulation, personnel policy, general order or standard operating procedure is contradicted, contravened or otherwise in conflict with a direct order of a superior officer of MID-FLORIDA SWAT then such rule, regulation, policy, general order or procedure of the employing agency shall control and shall supersede the direct order of the superior officer of MID-FLORIDA SWAT.
- H. If a complaint has been lodged against any team member of MID-FLORIDA SWAT, that complaint will be forwarded to the Chief of Police (or his/her designee) of the team member's employing agency to be handled pursuant to the policy and procedures of the employing agency.
- I. While present outside the MID-FLORIDA SWAT team member's jurisdiction by request of another agency, MID-FLORIDA SWAT team members may detain, search, and arrest individuals during their MID-FLORIDA SWAT assignment as if they were inside their own jurisdiction. If any crime occurs in the MID-FLORIDA SWAT team member's presence while executing their duties pursuant to this MOU, said MID-FLORIDA SWAT team member is empowered to render law enforcement assistance.
- J. Each Participating Agency engaging in any assistance pursuant to this Agreement understands that the provisions of the Mutual Aid Agreement apply, including but not limited to: Section V. *Liability*, Section VI: *Powers, Privileges, Immunities, and Costs*, and Section VII. *Insurance Provisions*. Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any party's sovereign immunity.
- K. MID-FLORIDA SWAT team members of each Participating Agency when engaging in assistance outside of their jurisdictional limits, under the terms of this Agreement, shall, pursuant to provisions of state statute have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if the MID-FLORIDA SWAT team member was performing duties within the team member's jurisdiction in which normally employed.
- L. This Agreement will be in effect until the expiration of the Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement may be canceled by any party upon delivery of written notice to the other parties.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed on the date specified.

[SIGNATURE PAGES TO FOLLOW]

CITY OF CLERMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Charles Broadway
Clermont Police Department
Dated:

Sign: _____

Print: _____
City Attorney

Dated:

Brian Bulhuis
City Manager
Dated:

CITY OF EUSTIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Craig Capri
Eustis Police Department
Dated:

Sign: _____

Print: _____
City Attorney

Dated:

Tom Carrino
City Manager
Dated:

CITY OF GROVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Shawn Ramsey
Groveland Police Department
Dated:


Sign: _____

Print: _____
City Attorney

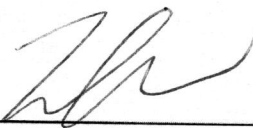
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Michael Hein
City Manager
Dated:

CITY OF LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT:

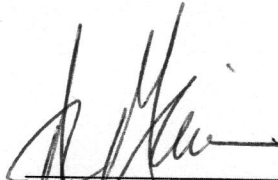


Chief Joseph Iozzi
Leesburg Police
Dated: 01/17/2025

Sign: 

Print: William Grant Watson

City Attorney
Dated:



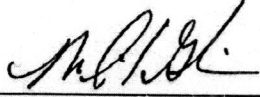
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City Manager
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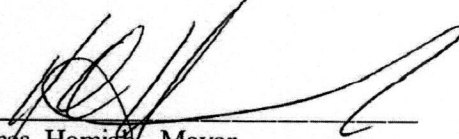
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CITY OF MOUNT DORA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Mike Gibson
Mount Dora, Police Department
Dated: 1/15/2025

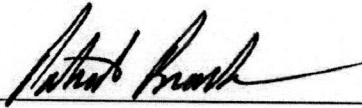


James Homick, Mayor
City of Mount Dora
Dated: 1/7/25

ATTEST:



Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Sign: 

Print: Patrick Brackins/Andrew Hand, City Attorney
Dated: 1/7/25