



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 9/22/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a request by the police department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Warrior Care Program Internship Initiative and the Grand Rapids Police Department.

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BACKGROUND:

The Grand Rapids Police Department was made aware of a program called the Warrior Care Program Internship Initiative which is operated by the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). This program is under the Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) and supported by the Secretary of Defense under the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The purpose of this internship initiative is to mutually benefit Special Operations Forces Service Members of the United States military and civilian organizations by allowing qualified service members to engage in an internship with a civilian organization. This program allows the service member to gain valuable experience in a field that they wish to pursue after completing their military service contract.

This program is unique, as it allows the service member to complete the final months of their service contract in an internship opportunity. The service member will continue to be compensated by the U.S. military while engaging in the internship opportunity. The Grand Rapids Police department believes that this collaboration with the military will not only benefit the service member but will also benefit the department through an increased relationship with the U.S. military, recruitment and service to the Grand Rapids community. The service member would be supervised by the Police Captains and Sergeants during the internship.

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