



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: January 27, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with 1,000 Lakes SWAT.

PREPARED BY: Police Chief Andy Morgan

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department has a long history and commitment to the area 1,000 Lakes Multi-jurisdictional Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). SWAT is comprised of licensed and non-licensed law enforcement personnel from multiple area jurisdictions and is responsible for providing emergency response services and personnel in the event of natural disaster, civil disturbance, catastrophic incidents or those situations where regular patrol officer resources would not be sufficient to resolve a situation.

Grand Rapids Police Department currently has six (6) licensed members assigned to SWAT. This SWAT commitment is a secondary assignment to their standard responsibilities with GRPD.

This JPA has no significant change to how we have operated for years. The Joint Powers Agreement will not need to be addressed annually. The JPA allows any participating agency the ability to withdraw from this agreement upon sixty (30) days written notice.

Please see attached JPA which has been reviewed by City Attorney Sterle.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with 1,000 Lakes SWAT.