

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

REQUEST FOR LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Res. No. 175-24-25 authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute the SWAT MOU.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Eric Montellano, Fire Chief

REPORT DATE: March 5, 2025

MEETING DATE: March 13, 2025

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item: N/A
Budget Summary: N/A
Budgeted Expenditure: N/A
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes: N/A
Municipal Code: N/A

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Sheboygan Fire Department (SFD) regularly collaborates with the Sheboygan Police Department (SPD) in various emergency response situations, particularly in Tactical Emergency Medical Incidents. While the SPD is the primary law enforcement partner, the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office also requires emergency medical support during critical tactical operations. These incidents, such as SWAT events, high-risk warrants, threats, and active shooter situations, are infrequent but demand specialized training, consistency, and rapid response. Depending on the situation, these responses may involve just the SPD, just the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department, or both agencies at the same time.

To enhance coordination and effectiveness, SFD seeks to formalize its relationship with the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement will define the roles, responsibilities, and procedures for integrating Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) within SWAT operations.

Reasons for the MOU:

- **Enhanced Tactical Medical Support:** Ensures on-scene medical aid for law enforcement officers, suspects, and civilians during high-risk incidents.
- **Improved Safety & Efficiency:** Provides a structured approach for EMS personnel to work safely within tactical environments.
- **Strengthened Interagency Collaboration:** Builds a stronger working relationship between SFD and the Sheriff's Office for future joint emergency responses.

ACTION REQUESTED:

A motion to recommend approval of the Res. No. 175-24-25 to the Common Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Res. No. 175-24-25
- II. MOU