



Agenda Item Executive Summary

Item Name Winnebago-Boone Investigative Cooperative Committee or Board Village Board

BUDGET IMPACT

Amount:	N/A	Budgeted:	N/A
List what fund:	N/A		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 2010, area law enforcement agencies in Winnebago County – and since 2013, Boone County – have participated in a multi-agency investigative body to ensure independent and transparent investigations involving use of deadly force, in-custody deaths or serious injuries, and other approved on-duty criminal matters. Investigations are led by the Illinois State Police and staffed exclusively by investigators with no affiliation with the agency involved.

In late 2025 and early 2026, it was determined that continued use of the term “Task Force” creates a legal requirement for non-State Police investigators to be designated as Illinois State Police Inspectors, a designation that does not align with the structure or intent of this cooperative model. To address this issue and eliminate potential legal and authority concerns, participating agencies agreed to rename the group the Winnebago-Boone County Investigative Cooperative (WBIC) and replace the original inter-agency agreement with a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Impact:

- No change to purpose, investigative authority, governance, or operations,
- No financial or staffing impact,
- Improves legal clarity and reduces procedural risk,
- Maintains transparency and independence of investigations.

ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE LIST)

New WBIC Memorandum of Understanding

ACTION REQUESTED

- For Discussion Only
- Resolution
- Ordinance
- Motion:

Staff: Jeff White, Chief of Police Date: 1/29/2025