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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH:** JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**FROM:** NATHAN OSGOOD, CHIEF OF POLICE

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO FACILITATE OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND VOLUNTARY COOPERATION.

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 3, 2021

**CC:** GENERAL PUBLIC

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**Background:**

The City of Riviera Beach desires to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with law enforcement agencies within Palm Beach County to facilitate inter-agency operational assistance and voluntary cooperation protocols. The Agreement will remain in effect until January 31, 2025, and may be canceled by the City at any time.

Agencies entering this Agreement may request or voluntarily render routine law enforcement assistance to other participating Agencies, to include but not be limited to, investigating Homicides, Sex Offenses, Robberies, Assaults, Burglaries, Larcenies, Gambling, Motor Vehicle Thefts, Controlled Substance Violations, DUI Violations, Backup Services during Patrol Activities, School Police Officers enforcing laws within 1,000 feet of a school or school property, Inter-Agency Task Force and Joint Operations, and coverage of overtime details.



The authority for law enforcement agencies to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement is found under the provisions of Section §23 .1225, Florida Statutes. The Florida Mutual Aid Act permits voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines and provides for rendering assistance in a law enforcement emergency as defined in Section §252.34 Florida Statutes.

All subscribing law enforcement agencies are located in Palm Beach County, and as such, each agency is geographically positioned to receive and extend mutual aid in the form of law enforcement services.

Participating Agencies must request voluntary assistance from other subscribing Agencies. Operational assistance is only available when the agency desiring assistance: one, makes the formal request, and two, evokes that request consistent with the Agreement.

The Riviera Beach Police Department has previously participated in Mutual Aid Agreements with Palm Beach County law enforcement agencies. The most recent Mutual Aid Agreement involving the Police Department has an expiration date of January 31, 2021.

There is no conflict with any existing City Policy in this Agenda Item.

**Citywide Goal:**

Law enforcement operational assistance and voluntary cooperation are Mission Critical to the success of the Police Department. It is clear that current crime trends indicate criminal offenders are insensitive to jurisdictional boundaries.

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:**

There is no budget/fiscal impact for this Agenda Item.

**Recommendation(s):**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement between Palm Beach County law enforcement agencies and the City of Riviera Beach

**Attachments:**

Resolution Number 12-21  
Mutual Aid Agreement with Palm Beach County Law Enforcement Agencies

