

**CITY OF OXFORD AND MIAMI UNIVERSITY
LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford, Ohio maintains a police department pursuant to Sections 3 and 7 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution and Miami University maintains a police department pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.04; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford and Miami University are both parties to the Butler County Intra-County Mutual Police Aid Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford and Miami University are authorized by Ohio Revised Code §3345.041 to enter into a Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement authorizing Miami University to perform police functions on behalf of the City of Oxford and, authorizing the city of Oxford to perform police functions on behalf of Miami University; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford and Miami University have previously entered into law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the current Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement between Miami University and the City of Oxford is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford and Miami University now desire to enter into a new law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings set forth below, the City of Oxford and Miami University (hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties") agree as follows:

1. Effective Date and Scope of Agreement

- A. This Agreement is effective on the 1st day of July, 2021 and supersedes and replaces the Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement effective July 1, 2024.
- B. This Agreement supplements the Butler County Intra-County Mutual Police Aid Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, to which both City of Oxford and Miami University are signatories. This Agreement further defines the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Parties shall provide mutual law enforcement assistance to each other. All terms and conditions of the Butler County Intra-County Mutual Police Aid Agreement are applicable to this Agreement.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of the Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

- A. Law Enforcement Authority is defined as either the police department (including its sworn officers) of Miami University (herein "Miami University Police Department" or "MUPD") or the police department (including its sworn officers) of the City of Oxford (herein "Oxford Police

Department" or "OPD").

- B. Concurrent Law Enforcement Authority is defined as the geographical area where both Law Enforcement Authority have the legal right and obligation under this Agreement to provide law enforcement services pursuant to this Mutual Assistance Agreement.
- C. Law Enforcement Services is defined as the performance of any police function, the exercise of any police power or the rendering of any police services.

3. Concurrent Law Enforcement Authority

Pursuant to this Agreement, MUPD and OPD shall have concurrent law enforcement authority over the entire rights of way of the following blocks and/or streets, including the intersection at either end of the specified right-of-way and all intersections contained within the described rights-of-way:

- A. The "Square Mile", defined as the area bordered by Chestnut Street, Locust Street, Sycamore Street and Patterson Avenue;
- B. State Route 73 from Patterson Avenue to the City of Oxford limits;
- C. Bonham Road from Sycamore Street and Tallawanda Street to the Miami University property limit; and
- D. Streets north of Sycamore Street and east of State Route 732, namely North Poplar, North Campus, North University, Homestead Avenue and Bouden Lane.

Each Law Enforcement Authority is authorized by this Agreement to perform any law enforcement services in any area of concurrent law enforcement authority. Whenever a traffic accident occurs in any of the areas described in this section, the law enforcement authority with the first officer on the scene shall assume responsibility. MUPD may issue citations under the Oxford City Code for all parking and moving violations that occur in the areas described in this section.

Implicit in this section is the mutual understanding that OPD retains primary responsibility for enforcement on City of Oxford streets and MUPD retains primary responsibility for enforcement on Miami University streets and property.

OPD acknowledges the University has certain obligations to issue Crime Alerts to provide a timely warning for crimes required to be reported under the Clery Act (including criminal homicide, sex offenses-forceable and non-forceable, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft) that occur on campus, on the public property surrounding campus, and on property owned or controlled by registered student organizations (e.g., fraternities). OPD further acknowledges that the University has an additional obligation to issue an emergency notification in those situations that pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees on campus or for the closing of the entire Oxford campus (i.e., severe weather, chemical spills, fires, and crimes). In those instances in which a Clery Act reportable crime or other event posing a significant risk of harm to the Oxford campus has been reported to OPD, OPD agrees to use its best efforts to immediately notify MUPD so that MUPD may activate its timely warning or emergency notification system as appropriate.

4. Additional Law Enforcement Assistance

A. Major Events

Command level personnel (as designated by their respective Chief of Police) shall regularly coordinate planning for significant community or university events (i.e., concerts, athletic events, parades, etc.). Command level personnel are empowered to request the law enforcement assistance of the other department. When a request for law enforcement assistance is made, each Chief of Police shall be notified as soon as practicable. MUPD will coordinate traffic control with Oxford Police and will assist in the off-campus control of traffic related to significant campus events.

B. Maintenance of Law and Order

Whenever either the OPD or MUPD determines that it does not have sufficient law enforcement resources to meet a particular situation or set of circumstances effectively and expeditiously, the senior officer of the police department on duty and in charge of the police department is authorized to request law enforcement assistance from the other police department. This authorization includes responding to a significant crime which includes homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery, burglary, breaking and entering, and civil disorder (riot, attempted riot, and disruptive crowds).

C. Major Case Investigation

Members of the CI (Criminal Investigation) Units from MUPD and OPD interact on a regular basis and are expected to share equipment and investigative expertise. Command level personnel are empowered to request the law enforcement assistance of the other police department's CI Unit. When a request for temporary law enforcement investigative assistance is made, each Chief of Police shall be notified as soon as practicable. Extended joint investigations must be approved by the chiefs of each law enforcement authority prior to the start of the investigation.

D. Witness to Offense/Traffic Violation or Accident

1. An officer witnessing potentially life-threatening, substantial property damage, traffic violations or criminal violations outside the officer's area of concurrent law enforcement authority but within the other agency's jurisdiction is empowered to stop the violator and take enforcement action. As soon as practicable, the agency with primary jurisdiction will be notified and provided with the nature of the incident, location and the unit number(s) of the officer(s) managing the enforcement action. The responsible department will respond in one of the following manners:
 - a. Relinquish authority over the incident to the witnessing officer, or
 - b. Dispatch an officer or officers to the scene who will take charge of the incident.
2. In the event that police personnel and equipment are involved in providing assistance under this Agreement, and such responding personnel and equipment are required by their own department, each party to this Agreement reserves the right to withdraw such personnel and equipment for such purposes.
3. In any situation in which assistance is provided pursuant to a request for mutual aid, the

officer in charge of the Requesting Department shall have full charge of and authority over any assisting equipment and personnel responding to such call. No oath of office need be administered to police officers of the Responding Department when the performance of such officers' duties is pursuant to this Agreement. No charge shall be made for services rendered pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, it being understood that the mutual promises contained herein serve as adequate consideration.

4. All personnel of the Responding Department, while providing assistance or utilizing concurrent law enforcement authority as specified in this Agreement, shall at all times be acting within the scope of their employment by the Responding Department, and will not be considered employees of the Requesting Department. Each Party to this Agreement will continue to be responsible for all forms of compensation and benefits related to the employment as well as equipment, uniforms and other tangible articles, which it would otherwise pay or furnish while any of its officers is (are) providing assistance under this Agreement. Under no circumstances will either party be required to assume any of such employment-related obligations or expenses by virtue of having made one or more request for, or received, assistance under this Agreement.

5. Warrants, Subpoenas, and Other Legal Process

The service of warrants, subpoenas and other legal process shall be coordinated by a command staff member or bureau from MUPD and OPD as designated by the respective Chief of Police. Generally, MUPD will provide service on-campus and OPD will provide service off-campus; however, this is a unified effort and the MUPD/OPD commanders will work together to ensure the prompt, efficient service of all legal documents. The serving department will maintain the appropriate control documentation. As part of the semi-annual evaluation process (see No. 3), the mutual aid workgroup will evaluate the effectiveness of this process.

5. Liability Between the Parties

Neither the City of Oxford nor Miami University shall be obligated to reimburse the other for loss or damage to equipment while law enforcement officers are engaged in activity in accordance with this Agreement, nor shall there be any reimbursement, indemnity award, or premium contributions assessed against the other for workers compensation benefits arising by reason of injury or death to an employee of either while engaged in rendering services under this Agreement. Each party shall be responsible for any claim or cause of action made against the party of its law enforcement officers arising out of the performance of duties under this Agreement and neither party shall be required to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless the other for any such claim or cause of action.

6. Duration of Agreement

- A. This Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2024.
- B. The Oxford City Manager and the Vice President for Finance and Business Services at Miami University may enter into such additional Memoranda of Understanding, setting forth additional procedures, not inconsistent with the terms hereof, for implementing this Agreement. The parties agree to be bound by the terms of any such memoranda as fully as if it were part of this Agreement.

C. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with a 60-day written notification of intent to terminate.

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