

RESOLUTION NO. 752

**A Resolution to Approve an Agreement of Mutual Aid between
the Sumter Police Department and the
Veterans Affairs Medical Center Police Department**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Act (SC Code Section 23-20-10, et seq.) authorizes a law enforcement agency of this State to enter into written contracts with other law enforcement agencies and providers for the purpose of assisting each other in providing law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Act requires approval of these agreements and contracts by the governing bodies of the participating law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter Police Department has entered into a mutual aid agreement with the above named law enforcement agency.

The City of Sumter Chief of Police now comes before the Mayor and City Council to present the mutual aid agreement signed and approved by the chief executive officer of each law enforcement agency. The Chief of Police recommends this agreement as beneficial to law enforcement in our jurisdiction and requests that the City of Sumter City Council approve this agreement as required by South Carolina Code Section 23-20-50(A). See also **State v. Boswell**, 391 S.C. 592, 707 S.E. 2d 265

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumter City Council duly assembled that:

The Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Sumter Police Department and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Police Department, attached hereto and incorporated as part of this resolution, is approved.

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ADOPTED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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**Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
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October 1, 2018

In reply refer to 544/00P

Chief Russell F. Roark III
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Sumter, SC 29150

Our Police and Security directives require that we have current written support agreements with your agency.

All properties under the control and/or ownership of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 407 N Salem Ave., Sumter, South Carolina, are under concurrent jurisdiction which grants local civil police agencies full rights to exercise law enforcement functions on VA Medical Center grounds.

For purposes of clarification, the Sumter Community Based Outpatient Clinic, located in your area of jurisdiction, is of primary interest to our agency in formulating this Support Agreement.

Our needs will include, but may not be limited to, the following situation where your department's assistance would be needed:

- a. Armed hostage taking situations that would require armed response to assist in containing the situation until appropriate federal agencies (FBI) can respond to assume control.
- b. Crimes involving robberies or thefts of funds, drugs or properties.
- c. Investigations of vehicle accidents that may result in non-injuries, injuries, or death.
- d. Any major incident that would require traffic control to allow emergency vehicles clear access to the facility.
- e. Confirm the identification of wanted subjects, arrest and/or detain individuals who have outstanding warrants issued for their arrest by civil law enforcement agencies.
- f. To provide the physical arrest of violent/disorderly person(s) who pose a serious threat to patients, visitors, medical staff or themselves.

- g. Any other offenses and/or crimes against persons or properties that would be classified as felony offenses within your jurisdiction.
- h. Respond to and investigate all VA Police Officer involved shootings. Also respond to and investigate all other firearm discharged incidents on property.

Please acknowledge, with your signature, if you concur with this support agreement, retaining one copy for your files and returning the second copy to me.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or any issue, please feel free to contact me at (803) 695-6803.

I look forward to maintaining a close and professional working relationship with your department.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Schausten
Chief, VA Police

I concur with the agreement.

Chief Russell F. Roark III

Date _____