



Department of Police

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Memorandum of Understanding

January 1st, 2014 to December 31st, 2016

WHEREAS, The La Crosse Police Department (City of La Crosse), Viterbo University and Mayo Health System have come together to collaborate in order to provide a Community Policing Officer in the neighborhoods in and around the Viterbo/Mayo campuses in the City of La Crosse.

WHEREAS, The La Crosse Police Department (City of La Crosse), Viterbo University and Mayo Health System have come together to provide the funding for this Community Policing Officer for the next three (3) years through national grants and other funding sources. The City has agreed to pick up the 4th year of the funding and will look to continue it in the future.

WHEREAS, the partners listed above herein have a desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaboration listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I) Description of Partnership

In partnership with Viterbo University and Mayo Health System, the La Crosse Police Department has created one (1) new position of Community Policing Officer to work in the area around both the Viterbo/Mayo campuses in the City of La Crosse to help improve neighborhood safety. As part of this collaboration, Viterbo University and Mayo Health System agree to provide funding in accordance with paragraph II-H to cover the costs of this new Community Policing Officer position for three (3) years from 01/01/2014 through 12/31/2016.

II) Roles and Responsibilities

- A. The area that is to be the responsibility of this Community Policing Officer is identified as the two neighborhoods known as Washburn Neighborhood and Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood. The border of these two neighborhoods together are the Mississippi River on the West, Jackson Street/State Road on the South, Losey Blvd. South on the East and Cass Street on the North end. The Washburn Neighborhood does extend two blocks north of Cass Street to Main Street from South 7th Street up to West Ave. South. Please see attached map of the Washburn and Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood together. These two neighborhoods were picked as they are established neighborhoods in the community with defined boundaries and active neighborhood associations that meet.
- B. This Community Policing Officer will be assigned to this neighborhood as the officer's primary area of responsibility. However, this officer may respond to other parts of the City of La Crosse to assist or help on other police calls or follow up investigations from the officer's area of responsibility.

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- C. The La Crosse Police Department will clearly state the roles and responsibility of the Community Policing Officer, with the input from the other partners listed above (Viterbo and Mayo), local businesses and the community. The Community Policing Officer will be a member of the La Crosse Police Department and will be under the direct supervision of the La Crosse Police Department.
- D. The La Crosse Police Department and the City of La Crosse will involve both Mayo Health System and Viterbo Security in the ongoing process of the collaboration, through regular meetings to evaluate how things are going in the surrounding neighborhoods and campuses of both Viterbo and Mayo Health System.
- E. The La Crosse Police Department, along with Viterbo and Mayo Health System, will facilitate regular meetings (as needed) with local businesses in the community to evaluate the neighborhood and discuss concerns or share ideas that they may have with what is taking place in the neighborhood.
- F. The City of La Crosse agrees to fund the 4th year of one (1) Community Policing Officer position, after the initial three (3) years is up, per the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant requirements and subject to annual appropriation. The La Crosse Police Department and the City of La Crosse will continue to look at funding sources to put this additional officer in the annual police budget after the 4th year.
- G. The La Crosse Police Department will be able to measure the success of the program through yearly surveys of the neighborhood, Viterbo University, Mayo Health System, and local businesses. We will also be able to look at our yearly crime rate and statistics, along with doing ongoing crime analysis of the neighborhood.
- H. Viterbo University and Mayo Health System each agrees to provide \$37,500 per year for three (3) years. The City will invoice each of these entities one-fourth (1/4) of their annual commitment at the beginning of each calendar quarter effective January 1, 2014 for the three (3) year period.
- I. Viterbo and/or Mayo Health System will provide a facility/room to hold meetings with neighborhood associations, businesses or citizens of the neighborhood to discuss needed topics with the La Crosse Police Department.
- J. Both Mayo Health System and Viterbo Security will meet regularly with the Community Policing Officer to evaluate how things are going on the respective campuses and the neighboring community.

III) Timeline

The roles and responsibilities described herein are contingent on the City of La Crosse and the La Crosse Police Department receiving the funds requested and agreed upon for the Community Policing Officer. Responsibilities under this Memo of Understanding would coincide with the grant period, anticipated to be 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2016.

IV) Commitment to Partnership

- A. The La Crosse Police Department envisions two (2) other Community Policing Officers besides the one for this neighborhood. The other two (2) Community Policing Officers will be assigned to the neighborhoods just to the South and to the North of the listed boundaries for the Washburn/Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood as identified in their corresponding Memorandum of Understanding. Thus the City anticipates having a Community Policing Officer available not only in the Washburn/Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood, but also in the surrounding neighborhoods.

B. We, the undersigned have read and agree with the Memorandum of Understanding. Further, we have reviewed the proposed project and approve of it.

By: _____

(Mayor) City of La Crosse, WI.

By; _____

(Chief of Police) City of La Crosse, WI.

By: _____

Director of Mayo Health System

By: _____

Director of Viterbo University

cc: City of La Crosse (La Crosse Police Department, Mayor's Office, City Attorney's Office, and City Finance Department), Viterbo University and Mayo Health System.