



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) and La Crosse Community Foundation have come together to collaborate in order to provide a Community Policing Officer in the neighborhoods in and around the City of La Crosse.

WHEREAS, The La Crosse Police Department (City of La Crosse) and La Crosse Community Foundation 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 La Crosse Police Department will review the project performance of the grant annually with the La Crosse Community Foundation. The City has agreed to pick up the 4th year of the funding and will look to continue it in the future.

WHEREAS, the partner listed above herein has 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 La Crosse Community Foundation, the La Crosse Police Department has created a new position of Community Policing Officer to work in the City of La Crosse to help improve neighborhood safety. As part of this collaboration, La Crosse Community Foundation agrees 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 neighborhoods in the City of La Crosse.
- B. One Community Policing Officer will be assigned to these neighborhoods 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.
- C. The La Crosse Police Department will clearly state the roles and responsibility of the Community Policing Officer, with the input from the other partner listed above (La Crosse Community Foundation), 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 La Crosse Community Foundation in the ongoing process of the collaboration, through needed meetings to evaluate how things are going in the surrounding neighborhoods in the City of La Crosse.

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- E. The La Crosse Police Department, along with La Crosse Community Foundation, will facilitate meetings (as needed) with local businesses in the community to evaluate the neighborhoods and discuss concerns or share ideas that they may have with what is taking place in the neighborhoods.
- F. The City of La Crosse agrees to fund the 4th year of three (3) Community Policing Officer positions, after the initial three (3) years is up, per the 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 these additional officers 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 neighborhoods, La Crosse Community Foundation 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. La Crosse Community Foundation agrees to provide \$75,000 per year for three (3) years. The City will invoice this entity annually, effective January 1, 2014 for the three (3) year period.
- I. La Crosse Community Foundation will meet with the Community Policing Officer to evaluate how things are going in the neighboring community.
- J. The La Crosse Police Department agrees to continue to work with the City of La Crosse Inspections Department on helping identify possible code violations in the neighborhoods in the City of La Crosse.
- K. The La Crosse Police Department will continue to train its officers in needed subject areas for the implementation of the community policing program and the needs of the neighborhoods, to include additional cultural competency training.

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. 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: _____

Board Chairperson, La Crosse Community Foundation

cc: City of La Crosse (La Crosse Police Department, Mayor's Office, City Attorney's Office, and City Finance Department), La Crosse Community Foundation.