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**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**

**VA PORTLAND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**  
3710 SW U.S. Veterans Hospital Rd.  
Portland, OR 97239

April 14, 2022

In Reply Refer To: 648/P4POL

Chief Jason Malloy  
169 SW Coast HWY,  
Newport, OR 97365

Dear Chief Malloy,

The Department of Veterans Affairs requires VA Police to maintain current written support agreements with all local law enforcement agencies.

All properties under the control or ownership of the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1010 SW Coast Highway, Suite 203, Newport, Oregon 97365 are under concurrent jurisdiction with the VA Police. VA Police, at this time, are not constantly staffed at this location. With this said this jurisdiction leaves our police officers with little to no back up from other Law Enforcement agencies.

For clarity, it is imperative that we enter into a memorandum of understanding outlining agency responsibilities and expectations.

Our VA Police Officers are highly trained, experienced and require minimal need for other Law Enforcement agencies intervention; however, we may still encounter certain situations that would require your department's assistance.

It is understood that the Newport Police Department is the responding agency for the area surrounding our clinic. In an extreme emergency these needs would include, but may or may not be limited to the following situations where your department's assistance would be required:

- a. Assist in responding to an armed hostage taking situations that would require an armed response to assist VA Police Officers in containing the situation until appropriate federal agencies, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), can respond to assume control.
- b. Assist confirming and executing the arrest of individuals who have outstanding warrants issued for their arrest by law enforcement agencies and subjects under federal warrants and other incidents warranting an individual to be physically arrested.
- c. Assist in the transporting of arrested offenders to the Lincoln County Jail. VA Police would execute the detention, physical arrest of the subject and complete all corresponding paperwork.
- d. Provide additional officers when needed to assist with the physical arrest of a violent/disorderly person(s) who poses a serious threat to patients, visitors, medical staff or themselves.



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e. Assist in the execution of any mental health hold documentation and transportation to a mental health evaluation center of any person who poses a serious threat to patients, visitors, medical staff, or themselves. This assistance may range from collaborate training and sharing of law enforcement resources to coordinate intervention tactics when there is an extreme crisis involving a veteran(s), staff, visitor, or other person at this location. This collaboration should include the sharing of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training when available at either agency.

f. Assist in responding to a report of a possible bomb threat or actual event that would require an armed response to assist VA Police Officers in containing the situation until appropriate federal agencies, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigations-FBI, can respond to assume control.

e. Assist VA Police with the investigation of serious felonies, serious traffic accidents, after hours alarm response, and special events that would require additional law enforcement officers that occur on VA controlled property.

Should any VA Police Officer be involved in a shooting, the FBI will be notified immediately. This agreement establishes inter-agency support for the VA Police to receive investigative assistance from the Newport Police Department. This assistance may range from establishing, preserving and controlling the crime scene, to performing as the lead investigative agency.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or any issue, please feel free to contact me at (503) 721-7849.

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

Ryan Hauser, VA Police

Chief of Police

☒ I do not concur with this agreement:

Date: 06/06/2022

Jason Malloy, Newport Police Department

Chief