

## MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

### BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the governments of the **City of North Miami**, Florida, and the **Town of Surfside** to ensure the public safety of their citizens by providing adequate levels of police services to address any foreseeable routine or emergency situation; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of law enforcement problems and other natural and manmade conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment or facilities of the participating municipal police departments; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure that the preparation of these law enforcement agencies will be adequate to address any and all of these conditions, to protect the public peace and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the two municipalities located in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the two participating municipalities, **City of North Miami** and the **Town of Surfside**, have the authority to enter into a mutual aid agreement with one another pursuant to Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, Florida Mutual Aid Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that the **City of North Miami** and the **Town of Surfside**, subdivisions of the State of Florida, and the undersigned representatives, in consideration of mutual promises to render valuable aid in times of necessity, agree to fully and faithfully abide by and be bound by the following terms and conditions:

1. **Short title:** Mutual Aid Agreement.

2. **Description:** Because this Mutual Aid Agreement provides for the requesting and rendering of assistance for both routine and law enforcement intensive situations, this Mutual Aid Agreement (“Agreement”) combines the elements of both a voluntary cooperation agreement and a requested operational assistance agreement, as described in Chapter 23, Florida Statutes.

3. **Definitions:**

- a. **Joint Declaration:** A document which enumerates the various conditions or situations where aid may be requested or rendered pursuant to this Agreement, as determined by concerned agency heads. Subsequent to execution by the concerned agency heads, the Joint Declaration shall be filed with the clerks of the respective, participating municipalities/political subdivisions to this agreement and shall become incorporated into this Agreement. The declaration may be amended or supplemented at any time by these concerned agency heads by filing subsequent declarations with the clerks of the respective, participating municipalities/political subdivisions.
- b. **Agency or participating law enforcement agency:** The **City of North Miami Police Department** and the **Town of Surfside Police Department**.
- c. **Department Head:** The **Chief of the City of North Miami Police Department**, or the Chief’s designees, and the **Chief of the Town of Surfside Police Department**, or the Chief’s designees.
- d. **Certified law enforcement employee:** Any law enforcement employee certified as provided in Chapter 943, Florida Statutes.

4. **Operations:**

- a. In the event that a party to this Agreement is in need of assistance, as specified in the applicable Joint Declaration which shall become part of this Agreement, an authorized representative of the City requiring assistance shall notify the agency from whom such assistance is requested. The authorized agency representative

whose assistance is sought shall evaluate the situation and available resources, and will respond in a manner deemed appropriate.

- b. Each party to this Agreement agrees to furnish necessary personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources and to render services to the other party as required to assist the requesting party in addressing the situation which caused the request; provided, however, that no party shall be required to deplete unreasonably its own personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources and services in rendering such assistance.
- c. The agency heads of the participating law enforcement agencies, or their designees, shall establish procedures for giving control of the mission definition to the requesting agency, and for giving tactical control over accomplishing any such assigned mission and supervisory control over all personnel or equipment provided pursuant to this Agreement to the providing agency.

5. **Powers, Privileges, Immunities, and Costs:**

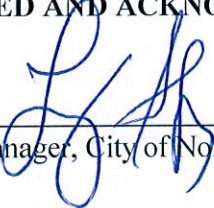
- a. All employees of the participating municipal police department, including certified law enforcement employees as defined in Chapter 943, Florida Statutes, during such time that the employees are actually providing aid outside of the jurisdictional limits of the employing municipality pursuant to a request for aid made in accordance with this Agreement, shall, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision in which they are regularly employed.
- b. The political subdivision having financial responsibility for the law enforcement agency providing services, personnel, equipment, or facilities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall bear any loss or damage to same and shall pay any and all expenses incurred in the maintenance and operation of any action.
- c. The political subdivision having financial responsibility for the law enforcement agency providing aid pursuant to this Agreement shall compensate all of its employees rendering aid pursuant to this Agreement, during the time of the rendering of the aid, and shall defray the actual travel and maintenance expenses of the employees while they are rendering aid. Compensation shall include any

amounts for compensation due to personal injury or death while such employees are engaged in rendering aid. Compensation shall also include all benefits normally due the employees.

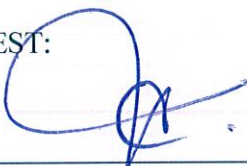
- d. All exemptions from ordinance and rules, and all pension, insurance, relief, disability, workers compensation, salary, death, and other benefits which apply to the activity of such officers, agents, or employees of any such agency, when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits of their respective agencies, shall apply to them to the same degree, manner, and extent while engaged in the performance of their functions and duties extra territorially under the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply with equal effect to paid and auxiliary employees.
  
6. **Indemnification, Hold Harmless:** The political subdivision having financial responsibility for the law enforcement agency providing aid pursuant to this Agreement agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the requesting law enforcement agency and its political subdivision in any suit, action, or claim for damages resulting from any and all acts or conduct of employees of the providing agency while providing aid pursuant to this Agreement, subject to Chapter 768, Florida Statutes, where applicable.
  
7. **Forfeitures:** It is recognized that during the course of the operation of this agreement, property subject to forfeiture under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, may be seized. The property shall be seized, forfeited, and equitably distributed among the participating agencies in proportion to the amount of investigation and participation performed by each agency. This shall occur pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.
  
8. **Conflicts:** Any conflict between this Agreement and the Florida Mutual Aid Act will be controlled by the provisions of the latter, whenever conditions exist that are within the definitions stated in Chapter 23, Florida Statutes.

9. **Effective Date and Duration:** This Agreement shall be in effect from date of signing, through and including **December 31, 2021**. Under no circumstances may this Agreement be renewed, amended, or extended other than in writing.
10. **Cancellation:** This Agreement may be cancelled by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party. Cancellation will be at the discretion of the Agency heads of the parties.


AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 20 17.

  
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City Manager, City of North Miami, FL

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Town Manager, Town of Surfside, FL

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk, City of North Miami, FL

ATTEST:  
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Town Clerk, Town of Surfside, FL

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
& LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:  
  
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City Attorney  
City of North Miami, FL

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
& LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:  
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Town Attorney  
Town of Surfside, FL

**JOINT DECLARATION OF THE CHIEF OF  
THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PURSUANT TO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

A police officer of either of the participating law enforcement agencies shall be considered to be operating under the provisions of the mutual aid agreement when:

Participating in law enforcement activities that are preplanned and approved by each respective agency head; or

Appropriately dispatched in response to a request for assistance from the other law enforcement agency.

In compliance with and under the authority of the Mutual Aid Agreement entered into by the **Town of Surfside** and the **City of North Miami**, it is hereby declared that the following list comprises the circumstances and conditions under which mutual aid may be requested and rendered regarding police operations pursuant to the agreement. Said list may be amended or supplemented from time to time as needs dictate by subsequent declarations.

1. Joint multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations.
2. Civil affray or disobedience, disturbances, riots, large protest demonstrations, controversial trials, political conventions, labor disputes and strikes.
3. Any natural disaster.
4. Incidents which require rescue operations and crowd and traffic control measures including, but not limited to, large-scale evacuations, aircraft and shipping disasters, fires, explosions, gas line leaks, radiological incidents, train wrecks and derailments, chemical or hazardous waste spills and electrical power failures.
5. Terrorist activities including, but not limited to, acts of sabotage.
6. Escapes from or disturbances within detention facilities.
7. Hostage and barricaded subject situations, and aircraft piracy.
8. Control of major crime scenes, area searches, perimeter control, back-ups to emergency and in-progress calls, pursuits, and missing person calls.
9. Enemy attack.
10. Transportation of evidence requiring security.
11. Major events; e.g., sporting events, concerts, parades, fairs, festivals and conventions.

12. Security and escort duties for dignitaries.
13. Emergency situations in which one agency cannot perform its functional objective.
14. Incidents requiring utilization of specialized units; e.g., recovery, aircraft, canine, motorcycle, bomb, crime scene, marine patrol and police information.
15. Joint training in areas of mutual need.
16. Participating in exigent situations, without the need for a formal request, which situations are spontaneous occurrences such as area searches for wanted subjects, perimeters, crimes in progress, escaped prisoners; traffic stops near municipal boundaries, request for assistance when no available local units are nearby, calls or transmissions indicating an officer is injured, calls indicating a crime or incident has occurred in which a citizen may likely be injured and the assisting municipality is closer to the area than the officer receiving the call;
17. Mutual enforcement of all existing applicable laws and ordinances and exercise of arrest powers within the area comprising the jurisdictional waters within the respective municipal boundaries.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF SURFSIDE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, Michael Stienne

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Chief

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND JOINT DECLARATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND TOWN OF SURFSIDE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LEVELS OF POLICE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the entering of a mutual aid agreement between municipalities is authorized by Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, Florida Mutual Aid Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami and the Town of Surfside are desirous of entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement and Joint Declaration with each other to provide adequate levels of police service to ensure the public safety of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Surfside and the accompanying Joint Declaration will benefit the residents of the City of North Miami and should be entered into with the Town of Surfside.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

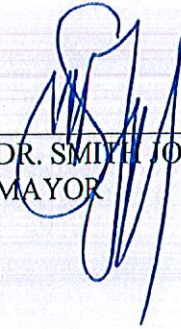
**Section 1. Approval of Agreement and Joint Declaration.** The City Council hereby approves the Mutual Aid Agreement and Joint Declaration between the City of North Miami and the Town of Surfside attached as "Exhibit 1."

**Section 2. Authority of City Manager and Police Chief.** The City Manager and the Chief of Police are authorized to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement and Joint Declaration, respectively, attached as "Exhibit 1" with the Town of Surfside.

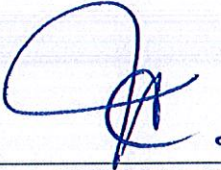
**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution will be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of March, 2017.



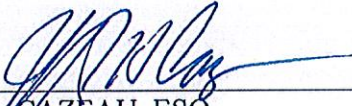
  
DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Desulme

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.  
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime  
Councilman Alix Desulme

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