



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

**FROM:** A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager

**TITLE:** Approve the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Requested Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement Between Law Enforcement Agencies Located in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

### **Recommended Action**

Approve the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Requested Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement between law enforcement agencies located in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

### **Background Information**

The North Port Police Department has been a Sarasota County mutual aid partner since 1993 when it entered into its first multi-agency Requested Operational Assistance Agreement and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement allows North Port Police Officers to cross jurisdictional lines to extend mutual aid in the form of law enforcement services and resources in neighboring jurisdictions.

The Amended and Restated Requested Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement (Amended Agreement) with an effective date of January 1, 2021, was renewed by the parties for a period of three years through and including December 31, 2026. The Amended Agreement is between the North Port Police Department and the following agencies.

- Town of Longboat Key Police Department
- City of Venice Police Department
- City of Sarasota Police Department
- Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
- Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority
- New College of Florida Board of Trustees
- Sarasota County Schools Police Department

In light of recent case law, the parties wish to amend the Amended Agreement to clarify the extra jurisdictional powers conferred by the Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the Amended Agreement remain unchanged.

The First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Requested Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement between law enforcement agencies located in Sarasota and Manatee Counties has been reviewed by the Interim City Attorney and is legally correct as to form.

### **Strategic Plan**

Enhance services and expand availability of resources provided to residents.

### **Financial Impact**

Not applicable.

**Procurement**

Not applicable.

**Attachments:**

1. First Amendment to the Amended Voluntary Cooperation Agreement
2. Renewal of the Amended Voluntary Cooperation Agreement
3. Amended Voluntary Cooperation Agreement

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