

**VOLUNTARY COOPERATION/OPERATIONAL  
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this agreement that because of existing and continuing law enforcement problems and intensive situations, especially those that cross jurisdictional lines, and in order to insure that the preparation of law enforcement will be adequate to deal with such activity, protect the public peace and safety, and preserve the lives and property of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the subscribed law enforcement agencies are so located in relation to each other that it is to the advantage of each to receive and extend mutual aid in the for of law enforcement services in both intensive situations including emergencies under Section 252.34(2), Florida Statutes, and routine services including but not limited to follow-up investigation into criminal activity, backup services during patrol activities and inter-agency task forces;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

**SECTION I:** In the event that a party to this agreement is in need of assistance as set forth above, they shall notify the agency or agencies from whom assistance is required. The agency head whose assistance is sought shall evaluate the situation and his available resources, and will respond in a manner he deems appropriate. Where investigative priorities arising during a law enforcement operation require crossing of jurisdictional lines, it is the intent of the parties to this agreement that approval to cross jurisdictional lines is presumed at all times unless expressly stated to the contrary. Each party agrees to notify the agency head or his designees of the agency involved as soon as is practical in the event of a major investigation or if an intensive situation develops.

**SECTION II:** Each party agrees to furnish necessary equipment, resources and facilities and to render aid and services to each and every other party to the agreement as set forth above; provided however, that no party shall be required to unreasonably deplete its own equipment, resources, facilities and services in furnishing such mutual aid.

- (a) **MASS ARRESTS** – In the event it becomes necessary to effect mass arrests resulting from any intensive situation, including but not limited to those aforementioned, unless circumstances make it impractical or impossible, the procedure shall be as follows:
1. **IDENTIFICATION:** The Dunnellon Police Department and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office shall designate qualified personnel to process identification all persons taken into custody in any mass arrest situation. That personnel will be responsible for photographing and preparing a log of all arrested persons and the respective arresting officers, as well as for supervising the collection and preservation of any and all evidence related to or associated with the incident necessitating the arrest, or that may be required for effective prosecution.
  2. **TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation of any arrested person shall be the responsibility of the arresting agency unless the number of persons arrested is greater than fifteen (15). In the event that the number of persons arrested is greater than fifteen (15), the transportation shall be by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. In the event the resources of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office are inadequate to meet the transportation requirements, additional vehicles for transportation may be obtained from the Florida Correctional Institution, Lowell, Florida.
  3. **BOOKING AND DETENTION:** Booking of arrested persons shall be by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, for those arrested in Citrus County, at the Citrus County Jail. Whenever

possible, advance notice of mass arrests, or anticipated mass arrests, shall be given to the on-duty supervisor at the Citrus County Jail in order that adequate arrangements may be made for orderly, efficient, and safe processing of all arrested persons.

**SECTION III:** The party that furnishes any equipment pursuant to this agreement shall bear the loss or damage to such equipment and shall pay any expense incurred in the operation and maintenance thereof. The party furnishing aid pursuant to this part shall compensate its employees while they are rendering such aid, including any amounts paid or due for compensation due to personal injury or death while such employees are engaged in rendering such aid unless otherwise provided. Nothing herein shall prevent the requesting agency requesting supplemental appropriations from the governing authority having budgetary jurisdiction to reimburse the assisting agency for any actual costs or expenses incurred by the assisting agency performing hereunder.

**SECTION IV:** Each agency will bear the liability arising from acts undertaken by its personnel pursuant to this agreement. All of the privileges and immunities from liability, exemption from laws, ordinances 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 any of their functions and duties extra-territorially under the provisions of this mutual aid agreement. The provisions of this section shall apply with equal effect to paid, volunteer, and auxiliary employees.

**SECTION V:** Each party shall provide satisfactory proof of police professional liability insurance including general liability insurance with minimum limits of \$200,000.00 for a single claim and \$300,000.00 for multiple claims arising out of the same incident or occurrence, or that it is a self-insured entity for purposes of Chapter 768.28(5) of the Florida Statutes. Should the coverage of any party be cancelled or undergo material change, that party shall notify all parties to this agreement of such change within ten (10) days of their receipt of notice of such change.

**SECTION VI:** The resources or facilities that are assigned by the assisting agency shall be under the immediate command of a supervising officer designated by the assisting agency. Such supervising officer shall be under the direct supervision and command of the agency head or his designee of the agency requesting assistance. However, neither entity shall send personnel into the others jurisdiction without authorization from the receiving entity which will be determined on a case by case basis.

**SECTION VII:** In accordance with Chapter 23.127, Florida Statutes, whenever the employees of any law enforcement agency are rendering aid outside its jurisdiction and pursuant to the authority contained in or to any written agreement entered under this part, such employees shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision in which they are normally employed or appointed.

**SECTION VIII:** Nothing in this agreement is intended or is to be construed as any transfer or contracting away of the powers or functions of one agency to the other.

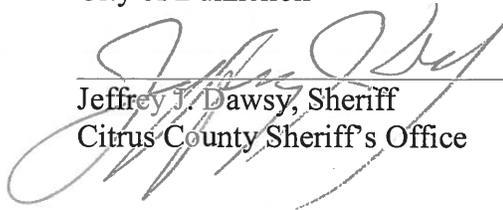
**SECTION IX:** This agreement shall be deemed renewed from year to year automatically unless either party gives notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days in advance of an anniversary date of its intention not to renew.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the agencies hereto cause the duly authorized signatures to be affixed.

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Witness

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Nathan Whitt, Mayor (date)  
City of Dunnellon

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Witness

 2-29-14  
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Jeffrey J. Dawsy, Sheriff (date)  
Citrus County Sheriff's Office

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City Attorney (date)

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Nathan Whitt (date)  
Mayor

This Agreement prepared by:  
Dunnellon Police Department