



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Miami Veterans Administration Healthcare Systems
1201 Northwest 16th Street
Miami FL 33125-1693

April 5, 2013

City of Doral Police Department
ATTN: Chief Robert M. Blom
8420 North West 52nd Street, Suite 100
Doral, Florida 33166

RE: Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Chief Blom:

1. The Department of Veterans Affairs requires (VA) Police to maintain current written support agreements with all local law enforcement agencies.
2. All properties under the control or ownership of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and West Palm Beach Counties, Florida are under concurrent jurisdiction. This jurisdiction grants local civil police agencies full rights to exercise law enforcement functions on VA medical center grounds.
3. For clarity, it is imperative that we enter into a memorandum of understanding outlining agency responsibilities and expectations.
4. Although our VA Police Officers are highly trained and experienced in meeting most disturbances and other related police functions without the need for civil intervention or assistance, we may still encounter certain situations that would require your department's assistance.
5. These needs would include, but may not be limited to, the following situations where your department's assistance would be required:
 - a. Armed hostage taking situations that would require an armed response to assist VA Police in containing the situation until appropriate Federal agencies (such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) can respond to and assume control.
 - b. Crimes involving armed robberies of funds, drugs or properties where the individuals committing the crimes leave VA police proprietary jurisdiction.

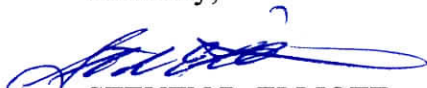
- c. Vehicle accident investigations, which may result in non-injuries, injuries, or death involving the VA Police patrol vehicle.
 - d. Any major incident that would require additional officers for traffic control to allow emergency vehicles a clear access to the facility.
 - e. To assist confirming the identification of wanted subjects, arrest and/or detain individuals who have outstanding warrants issued for their arrest by civil law enforcement agencies. VA Police would exercise the detention and physical arrest of subjects under Federal warrants.
 - f. To 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.
 - g. To provide assistance in the transportation of prisoner's who have been arrested at the Bruce W. Carter (Miami VA) Medical Center on occasions when there are only two (2) VA police officers on duty.
6. Furthermore and should any VA Police Officer be involved in a shooting, the FBI will be notified immediately. If the FBI declines investigation or its response is delayed, this agreement establishes interagency support for the VA Police to receive investigative assistance from your police department. This assistance may range from establishing, preserving and/or controlling the scene, to performing as the lead investigative agency.

If you concur with this support agreement, I am asking that you sign both copies as indicated below, retain one copy for your files, and return the second copy to us.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, I encourage you to call me at 305/575-7000, extension 3189.

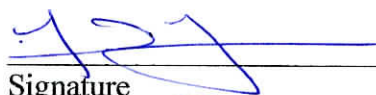
We look forward to maintaining a close and professional working relationship with your department.


Sincerely,



STEVEN R. ELLIOTT
Chief, Police Service

I concur with this agreement.

 Date: 5-6-13.
Signature
Print Name: Richard M. Blom

<p>Approved as to form and legal sufficiency for the sole use of the City of Doral.</p> <p> _____ City Attorney</p> <p><u>Jose M. Jimenez</u> _____ Print Name</p>
