



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VA TEXAS VALLEY COASTAL BEND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
HARLINGEN, TEXAS 78550

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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December 15, 2015

Sheriff Martin Cuellar
Webb County Sheriff's Department
902 Victoria Street
Laredo, Texas 78040

SUBJ: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Mutual Assistance

I have attached a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Webb County Sheriff's Department for your review and concurrence.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Jay Wallace Sr.", is written over a horizontal line.

TERRY JAY WALLACE SR.
Chief, Police Service

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Sherriff Cuellar,

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, Laredo, Webb County, Texas are under concurrent jurisdiction. This jurisdiction grants local civil police agencies full rights to exercise law enforcement functions on VA medical center grounds. The VA Property is:

- Laredo Outpatient Clinic:
4602 North Bartlett Avenue, Laredo, Texas 78041

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

Although our VA Police Officers are highly trained and experienced 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.

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 assume control.
- B. Crimes involving armed robberies of funds, drugs or properties where the individuals committing the crimes leave VA police 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 execute 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. Provide assistance in the transportation of prisoner's who have been arrested at any of our Harlingen facilities on occasions when they are only two VA police officers on duty.

In the case of an emergency, I also request authorization to access central dispatch and patrol units in the field. Our radios (Motorola, APX 7000) are solely dedicated for official VA Police use. If the emergency requires this access, the process of reprogramming our radios would be at no cost to your agency.

Should any VA Police Officer be involved in a shooting, the FBI will be notified immediately. If the FBI declines investigation, or if the FBI response is delayed, this agreement established inter-agency support for the VA Police to receive investigative assistance from the Webb County Sheriff's Department. This assistance may range from establishing, preserving and controlling the crime scene, to performing as the lead investigative agency.

Please sign both copies as indicated below if you concur with this support agreement (retaining one copy for your files and returning the second copy to us).

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or any issue, please feel free to contact me at (956) 430-9310.

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

Sincerely Yours,


TERRY JAY WALLACE, SR.
CHIEF, VA POLICE

I concur with this

Agreement: 
SHERIFF MARTIN CUELLAR

Date: 12-22-15

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
TANO TIJERINA
WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

U.S Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Terry Jay Wallance, Sr., Police Chief
PRINT NAME & TITLE

ATTESTED:

DATE

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA
WEBB COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARCO MONTEMAYOR
WEBB COUNTY ATTORNEY*

*By law, the County Attorney's office may only advise or approve contracts or legal documents on behalf of its clients. It may not advise or approve a contract or legal document on behalf of other parties. Our review of this document was conducted solely from the legal perspective of our client. Our approval of this document was offered solely for the benefit of our client. Other parties should not rely on this approval, and should seek review and approval of their own respective attorney(s).