

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Ralph H. Johnson****Veterans Affairs Medical Center****109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401**

Chief Amy Prock
Myrtle Beach Police Department
1101 Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

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M.B. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Chief Prock,

1. The Department of Veterans Affairs requires (VA) Police to maintain current written support agreements with all local law enforcement agencies.
2. In accordance with 38 U.S.C. § 8112, the Charleston VA medical center has concurrent jurisdiction which allows the State and Federal Government to jointly exercise law enforcement authority on VA property. All properties under the control or ownership of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3381 Phillis Blvd. and 1101 Johnson Ave., Suite 204, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 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 provide law enforcement services and conduct bi-annual physical security surveys and vulnerability assessments we do not maintain a police presence at either location. Therefore, Myrtle Beach Police Department would be requested to provide routine law enforcement service which may include, but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Respond to an active threat and /or armed hostage taking situation that would require an armed response until appropriate Federal Agencies (such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation- FBI) can respond to assume control.
 - b. Investigate reported crimes against persons and property.

c. Conduct vehicle accident investigations, which may result in non-injuries, injuries, or death.

d. Respond to calls for assistance to manage disruptive, threatening, or violent individuals.

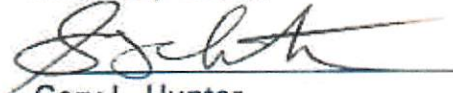
e. Should a VA Police Officer be involved in a shooting, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be notified immediately. If the FBI response is delayed, this agreement establishes inter-agency support for the VA Police to receive investigative assistance from the Myrtle Beach Police Department. This assistance may include establishing, preserving, controlling and processing the incident scene for evidentiary purposes.

Chief 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 (843) 789-7477.

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

Sincerely Yours,


Gary L. Hunter
Acting Chief, VA Police

Date: 12-4-2017

I concur with this agreement:

Amy Prock, Chief of Police

Date: _____