

## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the **16 of March, 2020**, by and between the **City of Savannah** and the **Georgia Southern University**, an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. **City of Savannah** and the **Georgia Southern University** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

### I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Savannah Police Department** and the **Georgia Southern University Police Department** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **Georgia Southern University** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **City of Savannah** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **Georgia Southern University** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **City of Savannah** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **Georgia Southern University** with the approval of the President of **Georgia Southern University**, as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **City of Savannah** or on the **Georgia Southern University** campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **Chief of Police or Designee of City of Savannah** or **Chief of Police or Designee of Georgia Southern University** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel:** In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

**5. Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Official Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution President Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Official Name and Title, Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
President Name and Title, Printed

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Board Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed