

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
MARION COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES &
MARION COUNTY ADULT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
IN THE COMMUNITY**

Items in this Memorandum of Understanding are a result of the parties coming together and agreeing to general protocols in responding to individuals presenting mental health issues to Law Enforcement. As law enforcement is sometimes called upon to deal with individuals suffering from mental health issues, a common protocol serves the community well both in terms of community safety and accessing appropriate individual services.

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as an absolute protocol in every instance. The understanding amongst the parties is developed with the intention of providing appropriate levels of intervention and available resources to persons in crisis.


1. We are committed to providing training to first responders in order to recognize and respond appropriately to individuals experiencing mental health impairment and/or crisis. This would include initial training when hired and ongoing relevant updated training throughout a first responder's career.
2. We will partner, as resources allow, with other agencies and Marion County Mental Health to develop a follow up response team to cases that have come to the attention of law enforcement on a referral/screened basis. This will be an attempt by the team to engage community resources in order to avoid future law enforcement contacts.
3. **The following options should be considered when dealing with an individual experiencing a mental health crisis:**
 - a. When there is no criminal offense and the individual is suffering from a mental health crisis not rising to the level of a Police Officer Custody (POC), law enforcement can offer voluntary transport to the Psychiatric Crisis Center in order to access services. Basic information should be provided to the Crisis Center personnel to assist them in the assessment of the individual.
 - b. When there is no criminal offense and the individual is suffering from a mental health crisis meeting the criteria for a Police Officer Custody (POC) as a danger to self or others, the officer should initiate the POC process.
 - c. When there is a minor criminal offense and the individual is suffering from a mental health crisis that does not rise to the level of a POC, the person should be cited with an attempt to access resources in the field. In absence of

resources and a community interest in removing the individual from further incidents is apparent, the subject can be transported to the jail and lodged. Jail staff should be notified of the circumstances. *(Cite and release at the jail is not appropriate in this situation.)*

- d. When there is sufficient information for a POC and there is probable cause to believe the individual has committed a crime that does not require mandatory custody, or the crime is a C felony or lessor offense, the officer should cite and release the individual and proceed with the POC process. *(Cite and release at the jail is not appropriate in this situation.)*
 - e. When there is sufficient information for a Police Officer Custody (POC) and there is probable cause to believe the individual has committed a crime requiring mandatory custody, the individual should be taken into custody, transported and lodged at the Marion County Jail. Notification and details of the mental health crisis should be provided to the jail staff. Jail staff should make appropriate notifications to Marion County Mental Health.
4. Marion County Health Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office and Salem Police Department are providing two mobile crisis teams funded by Oregon Health Authority. These two teams will respond to crisis calls in all jurisdictions in Marion County. If agencies in Marion County respond to calls that meet the criteria in **3 (a and b)**, the mobile crisis teams may be called to respond and assist.
 5. The mobile crisis teams may also be called to respond and assist with calls that meet the criteria in **3 (c and d)**, however the primary jurisdiction responding agency will need to issue the citation. Calls that fall into the criteria in **3 e** should be handled by the primary jurisdiction agency. The mobile teams are available for consultation if needed.
 6. These teams are not to be used for negotiations. Negotiations should be handled by the primary agency.

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 Sheriff Jason Myers, Marion County Sheriff's Office

12/18/14
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Chief Rich Sebens, Stayton Police Department Date

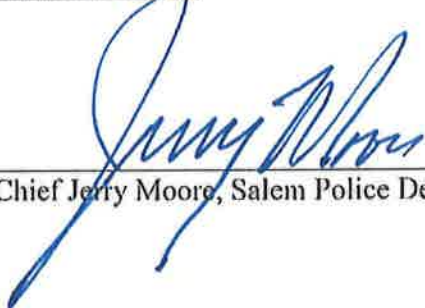
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Chief Scott Russell, Woodburn Police Department Date


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 6-19-2014
Chief Jerry Moore, Salem Police Department Date

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Chief Peter Spirup, Gervais Police Department 6/19/14
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Chief Don Taylor, Turner Police Department 06/16/2014 Date

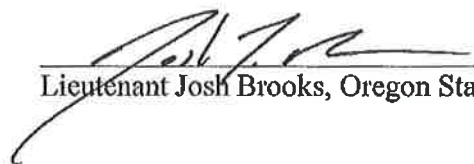
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Chief David Dryden, Hubbard Police Department Date

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Lieutenant Josh Brooks, Oregon State Police Date

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Chief John Teague, Keizer Police Department Date

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Chief Jeff Fossholm, Silverton Police Department Date

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Chief Mike Andall, Aumsville Police Department Date

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Chief Mike Healy, Mt. Angel Police Dept.


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Marion County Adult Mental Health

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