



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Police Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THROUGH: Charlie Thorpe, Police Chief

FROM: Eric Hill, Captain

DATE: December 22, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2022

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

SUBJECT: Project Lifesaver Program Membership

Background: Project Lifesaver is a community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The organization was founded in 1999 in Chesapeake, Virginia. The necessity of this program was determined through the correlation between cognitive conditions and the act of wandering. Since 2019, the Venice Police Department had been working in collaboration with the Sarasota Police Department to assist with the management of clients in the city of Venice and surrounding areas. Recently, the Sarasota Police Department decided to separate the joint management of Project Lifesaver, and have individual agencies handle their own jurisdictions.

Requested Action: Approval for the Venice Police Department to join and utilize the Project Lifesaver Program so we may continue to help the people in our community that are "at risk" due to cognitive conditions.

If for an agenda item, this document and any associated backup created by City of Venice staff has been reviewed for ADA compliance: Yes

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: Yes

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Letter of Intent, Membership Operational Agreement, Sarasota Police letter to Venice Chief of Police

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