



## MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER:** Edward Lavalley, City Manager

**E-SIGN:**   
EDWARD LAVALLEY (Jun 28, 2022 10:47 EDT)

**FROM:** Captain Andy Leisenring [AL #331](#)  
AL #331 (Jun 24, 2022 11:14 EDT)

**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**DATE:** June 24, 2022

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022

**SUBJECT / TOPIC:** Agreement between the City of Venice Police Department and Sarasota County Public Hospital District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City of Venice has two Tactical First-In Teams (TFIT's), teams 7a and 7b, which operate under Sarasota County Emergency Management Operations. TFIT consists of employees from Venice Public Works, Venice Police Department, Venice Fire Department, and the Sarasota County Fire Department. The primary purpose of the TFIT is to open the main artery roadways (as designated by the Sarasota County Emergency Management Operations) and Venice Airport to allow access to the community for responding recovery and support teams, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital - Venice to provide medical assistance to those in need.

**SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN:** Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:** For Council Adoption by Consent Motion

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# **AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

THE CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

And

Sarasota County Public Hospital District  
(d.b.a. Sarasota Memorial Hospital – Venice)

For

THE TACTICAL FIRST-IN TEAMS, (TFIT)

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, effective \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, by and between **THE CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT of VENICE, FLORIDA**, (hereinafter referred to as the “Venice Police Department” and Sarasota County Public Hospital District (d.b.a Sarasota Memorial Hospital – Venice).

## I. PURPOSE

The City of Venice has two Tactical First-In Teams (TFIT’s), teams 7a and 7b, which operate under Sarasota County Emergency Management Operations. TFIT consists of employees from Venice Public Works, Venice Police Department, Venice Fire Department, and the Sarasota County Fire Department. The primary purpose of the TFIT is to open the main artery roadways (as designated by the Sarasota County Emergency Management Operations) and Venice Airport to allow access to the community for responding recovery and support teams, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital - Venice to provide medical assistance to those in need.

## II. TERMS

During a hurricane activation, team 7a is staged at Sarasota Memorial Hospital - Venice and team 7b is staged at Shorepoint Hospital. Teams are staged at least 12-hours prior to the arrival of sustained winds of 45 mph or greater (hereafter referred to as high winds) and will remain until the high winds subside.

The staging period is the time of arrival of TFIT Members to Sarasota Memorial Hospital - Venice to the time of deployment of TFIT Members into the field.

The operational period is the time that TFIT deploys and until the end of the TFIT operation. The length of an operational period is dependent upon the amount of

destruction a hurricane creates and the amount of time it takes to adequately clear the designated route. Although many operational periods are concluded within one-day, a standard operational period is designed to last up to 72-hours. This standard operational time period could be extended by the Sarasota County Emergency Management Operations, if needed.

Because every storm event is different, the start of the staging time can vary depending on when arrival of high winds is expected. The City of Venice TFIT team leader and the Sarasota County Public District Public Safety & Emergency Management System Director will be in contact with one another at least 72-hours prior to an anticipated storm arrival to coordinate the staging operation. The TFIT team will consist of 8 to 10 personnel.

In addition to the TFIT members, the Venice Police Department will provide a minimum of two (2) officers per 12-hour shift to assist with security and serve as liaisons after the declaration of a hurricane warning. When general police operations cease because of high winds, a minimum of 2 officers and maximum of 4 officers will remain locked-in at the hospital until the high winds subside to continue security and liaison assistance.

There are several reasons why the TFIT members arrive 12-hours in advance of the arrival of high winds. TFIT members need time to arrange and account for necessary personnel and equipment, conduct team meetings, and to provide the team with a period of rest before deployment. Because of this, the TFIT members will not be called upon to assist with hospital security needs, unless there is a life threatening emergency. Hospital security personnel and officers assigned to the hospital for security and liaison purposes will resolve all security needs.

During the staging and operational periods, the Sarasota Memorial Hospital - Venice will provide sleeping space, and adequate food and beverages for all assigned Venice Police Department and TFIT personnel.

A minimum of 8 parking spaces (2 in covered garage) and 6 outdoors will be set aside for the Venice Police Department and TFIT member's official vehicles and equipment. The designated parking spaces will be selected by the team 7a team leader and the Sarasota Memorial Hospital – Venice Facilities Director and/or Manager. These spaces will not be used for parking personal vehicles of any Venice Police Department or TFIT members.

III. TERMINATION

This Agreement shall commence on the full execution of this Agreement by the parties and shall continue indefinitely until terminated. The Agreement may not be terminated during official Hurricane Season, June 1 – November 30. Outside of that designated timeframe, this Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time, for cause or without cause, upon receipt of written notice to the signatory below.

IV. SIGNATURES

The person signing on behalf of the Venice Police Department and Sarasota Memorial Hospital - Venice hereby represents and warrants that he/she has the power and authority to execute this Agreement.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Michaels, MMC  
City Clerk, City of Venice

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Feinsod, Mayor  
City of Venice

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form and content:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC  
HOSPITAL DISTRICT (d.b.a Sarasota  
Memorial Hospital – Venice)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 by XXXXXX, who is the CEO of the Sarasota County Public Hospital District and who is personally known \_\_\_\_\_ or produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(SEAL)

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Notary Public

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