MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL
AND
COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital (Truman VA) and the Columbia Police Department, hereinafter referred to as "parties."

1. PURPOSE. To establish general working relationships between the Truman VA, Police Service and Columbia Police Department as a means of reinforcing interagency coordination and responsibility concerning law enforcement, emergency response, requests for assistance, and physical security and access control operations at HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL located at 800 Hospital Drive, Columbia, MO 65202.

2. REFERENCES.

a) VA Directive 0730, *Security and Law Enforcement*, 12 December 2012
b) VA Handbook 0730, *Security and Law Enforcement*, 11 August 2000

3. GENERAL.

a. Truman VA Hospital is in the City of Columbia, Missouri. Truman VA Hospital provides primary, specialty, and extended care to Veterans throughout Columbia. The mission of the Truman VA is to provide timely, efficient, ethical, safe, compassionate, and quality health care to Veteran patients.

b. The Columbia Police Department has concurrent jurisdiction with the Federal Government over Truman VA Hospital properties. This jurisdiction grants local police agencies the authority to jointly enforce Federal and state laws with VA Police on Truman VA Hospital properties.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Truman VA Police Service will:

(1) Maintain law and order and enforce Federal and state laws and VA regulations at the Truman VA, including the hospital building and designated parking lots, for the protection of property owned or occupied by the VA and persons on the property.

(2) Provide primary initial response to all incidents or emergency situations at the Truman VA.

b. Columbia Police Department will:

(1) Respond to Truman VA Police Service's requests for assistance. Such assistance may include, but is not limited to, the following situations:

(A) Armed hostage taking situations that would require an armed response to assist VA Police in containing the situation until appropriate Federal agencies (such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation - FBI) can respond to assume control.

(B) Crimes involving armed robberies of funds, drugs or properties where the individuals committing the crimes leave VA police jurisdiction.

(C) Vehicle accident investigations, which may result in non-injuries, injuries, or death involving the VA Police patrol vehicles.

(D) Any major incident that would require additional Officers for traffic control to allow emergency vehicles clear access to the facility..

(2) Provide additional Officers when needed to assist with the physical arrest of a violent/disorderly person(s) who poses a serious threat to VA patients, visitors, medical staff or themselves.

(3) Aid in the transportation of prisoner(s) who have been arrested at the Truman VA Hospital on occasions when staffing does not allow for a VA Officer on duty to transport.

(4) Should any VA Police Officer be involved in a shooting, the FBI will be notified immediately. If the FBI declines investigation, or if the FBI response is delayed, the Columbia Police Department may provide investigative assistance to Truman VA Police. This assistance may range from establishing, preserving, and controlling the crime scene, to performing as the lead investigative agency.

(5) COMPACT ACT Section 205 Police Crisis Intervention Training for VA Police requires that each VA medical center police service develop a plan to enter partnerships with local mental health organizations and experts, Veteran community organizations, as well as local police departments to share training resources on Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). This assistance may range from collaborated training and sharing law enforcement to coordinated intervention tactics when there is an extreme crisis involving a veteran(s).

5. ACCEPTANCE & RATIFICATION

a. The provisions of this MOU are effective upon signature and date as indicated below and will be reviewed every 3 years, or as required.

b. This agreement may be unilaterally suspended or cancelled by either side upon giving at least 180 days' written notice to the other party.

c. This MOU does not create additional jurisdiction or limit or modify existing jurisdiction vested in the parties. This MOU is intended exclusively to provide guidance and documents and an agreement for general support between the parties. Nothing contained herein creates or extends any right, privilege, or benefit to any person or entity.

d. Additional areas of mutual interest may arise where services and support from one party of this MOU are required by the other party of this MOU. This MOU is not meant to limit those instances nor prohibit cooperation outside the above listed situations set forth and agreed upon.

FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL

Kent Nobles — 09/25/2025

KENNETH B. NOBLES — Date
Chief of Police, U.S. Dept. Veterans Affairs
Truman VA

26 SEP 2025

PAUL F. HOPKINS, MBA — Date
Interim Medical center Director
Truman VA

FOR COLUMIBA POLICE DEPARTMENT

JILL SCHLUDE — Date
Chief of Police

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: _____

De'Carlon Seewood, City Manager

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Nancy Thompson, City Counselor/mc