



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 3, 2025

Re: Memorandum of Understanding for the Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia by and for the Columbia Police Department (hereinafter "City" and/or "CPD"), and The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri Police Department (hereinafter "University" and/or "MUPD" for the purpose of establishing a cooperative relationship in providing public safety services in response to incidents involving potential explosive or incendiary devices.

Discussion

This memorandum of understanding creates the Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad (hereinafter referred to as the Bomb Squad) as a multi-agency cooperative effort involving the Columbia Police Department (CPD) and the University of Missouri-Columbia Police Department (MUPD). This MOU establishes and formalizes the duties and responsibilities of the participating agencies as related to the operation of the Bomb Squad and the response to incidents involving actual or suspected explosive or incendiary devices.

The participating agencies recognize that, by forming the Bomb Squad as a cooperative effort, the costly duplication of equipment and services will be minimized or avoided, sufficient personnel and equipment will be available to respond to emergencies, and superior services will be provided to the residents of the City of Columbia, the County of Boone, and all of Mid-Missouri.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No anticipated costs, personnel and vehicle expense included in police operating budget; any equipment would be obtained through grant funding opportunities

Long-Term Impact: No additional costs for years beyond two.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Community, Tertiary Impact: Organizational Excellence



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[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History	
Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, staff recommends authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign the MOU between the City of Columbia and The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri Police Department for the Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad.