

Memorandum

DATE: September 21, 2001
TO: Mayor Satterthwaite and the Urbana City Council
FROM: Chief Adair
RE: Revision of County-wide Police Mutual Aid Agreement

Various law enforcement agencies within the County (Champaign County, Champaign, Urbana, and the University of Illinois) have had a longstanding Mutual Aid Agreement for the purposes of providing emergency or additional assistance to requests from other member departments outside of our own jurisdiction. This Agreement has no expiration date. The agencies have come up with some concerns with the Agreement, and have drawn up a proposed revision to the Agreement that addresses needed changes. In addition, the Villages of Mahomet and Rantoul and Parkland College have requested membership to the existing Agreement. Both villages in the past have requested and received assistance from the Cities of Urbana and Champaign. Mahomet and Rantoul will become members to the new Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

1. Necessity for Police Mutual Aid: Emergencies or other Critical Incidents occasionally occur; either man made or natural disasters that result in a demand for resources beyond the capacity of a single community. Mutual Aid plans establish procedures for handling these requests. Some examples are severe weather (Tornadoes/Floods), an earthquake, hazard material accident, train/airplane accident, riot situation, or a large scale planned public event (Balloon Festival).

REVISION/CLARIFICATION TO LANGUAGE:

1. Responsibility for worker's compensation of injured officers. The current Agreement does not expressly address the question of responsibility for worker's compensation, but the practice among the member agencies is that each agency has been responsible for a worker's compensation claim of its own personnel, even when those personnel are responding in another agency's jurisdiction.
2. The Agreement clarifies the manner in which an agency makes a request for assistance and more clearly defines the ability of the assisting agency to decline a request for assistance.

The Agreement as written requires each member agency to approve it as written without changes. The Agreement has now been formally passed by the Champaign City Council. The revisions to the Agreement are not expected to have any budgetary impact beyond the costs associated with the existing Agreement. It proceeds next to the City of Urbana and the other jurisdictions. Accordingly, the request of the City of Urbana Police Department is that the Agreement be passed by the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS MUTUAL AID SYSTEM
AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That an East Central Illinois Mutual Aid system Agreement in the form of a copy of said Agreement attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to attest to said execution of said Agreement as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,

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AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,

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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor