

VILLAGE OF ELMORE, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

**TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OTTAWA COUNTY
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO CONTRIBUTE TO MUTIAL AID**

WHEREAS, the Village of Elmore, Ohio ("Municipality") operates a municipal police department; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy the needs of said department and to provide enhanced law enforcement services to the Village it is advisable to collaborate with an outside agency; and

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Drug Task Force / Major Crimes Unit has resources and expertise available which relate to investigation of crimes, forensic services, drug abuse response, and education and training; and

WHEREAS, Municipality, acting individually, could not afford to establish such services; and

WHEREAS, it is efficient and economical to act jointly in such regard; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable for Municipality to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding to pay for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ELMORE, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Memorandum Of Understanding in the form attached hereto or on file with the Clerk, is approved, and the Authorized Representative of Municipality, identified below, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Memorandum to the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office. The Municipality's Authorized Representative is the Elmore Chief of Police, Jeffrey Harrison.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in conformance with applicable open meetings laws and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in

compliance with all legal requirements including any applicable open meetings requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED:

To Pass

Yeas 5 Nays 0

Date: 2/23/26


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Approved: 
MAYOR


FISCAL OFFICER

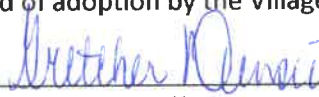
FISCAL OFFICER' CERTIFICATION AS TO PUBLICATION

This is to certify that publication of the foregoing Resolution was duly made as provided in the Ohio Revised Code by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Elmore, Ohio on the following date(s): _____


Fiscal Officer

FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATES AS TO AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify the forgoing Resolution is a true copy of the aforesaid Resolution No. 01-2026 together with a true and accurate record of adoption by the Village of Elmore, Ohio


Fiscal Officer

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
The Village of Elmore, Ohio
And
The Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by and between the **Village of Elmore, Ohio** (“Village”) and the **Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit** (“OCMCU”), formerly known as the Ottawa County Drug Task Force, collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to define the understanding between the Parties regarding the provision of specialized law enforcement services by the Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit and the voluntary financial contribution by the Village of Elmore to support those services.

The Parties recognize the increasing challenges faced by law enforcement agencies, particularly those related to recruitment and retention of qualified personnel. These challenges have resulted in reduced manpower, limited time, constrained assets, and a growing need for specialized expertise. This MOU reflects a cooperative effort to address those challenges through shared resources and countywide collaboration.

II. BACKGROUND

The Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit works in partnership with the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office and municipal police departments to address complex criminal activity throughout Ottawa County. As part of its ongoing evolution, the Unit is transitioning from a traditional Drug Task Force model to a comprehensive Major Crimes Unit.

While narcotics investigations remain a core mission, the expanded scope includes major crimes investigations, including crimes against persons and victims, long-term and covert investigations, and compliance-based operations. The Unit will continue to operate the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Program, which provides supervision, intervention, and linkage services for individuals suffering from addiction.

This transition is intended to enhance investigative capacity and provide meaningful assistance to all law enforcement entities within Ottawa County.

III. SERVICES PROVIDED

Through this MOU, the Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit agrees to continue providing the following services, which are available to the Village of Elmore and other participating jurisdictions within Ottawa County:

1. **Major Crimes and Narcotics Investigations**, including long-term, compliance-based, and covert operations.
2. **Mobile Device Forensics Services** through the Ottawa County Mobile Forensics Task Force, including access to the Cellebrite Mobile Device Forensics System and Cellebrite Premium.
3. **Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Program**, focused on treatment engagement and recovery support.
4. **Educational Outreach**, including drug awareness presentations in schools and civic organizations.
5. **Advanced Investigative Tools**, including:
 - o MX908 portable mass gas spectrometer;
 - o FLOCK license plate reader camera system;
 - o CLEAR investigative intelligence platform.
6. **Interagency Coordination**, including participation in state and federal task forces such as the FBI Cartel, Gangs, Narcotics, and Money Laundering Task Force.
7. **Specialized Training** for task force agents and other local law enforcement personnel.

IV. FUNDING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Village of Elmore agrees to provide a voluntary annual financial contribution to the Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit. The contribution amount is requested to be proportionate to the population of the Village relative to other political subdivisions within Ottawa County.

Funds contributed by the Village are used to support operating expenses, investigative tools, specialized equipment, informant payments, narcotics purchases for investigations, training, and programming that benefits the citizens of Ottawa County and participating jurisdictions.

Ottawa County Commissioners provide the majority of core funding, including office space, vehicles, equipment, and a portion of personnel salaries and benefits. Additional funding is obtained through various state and federal grants. The County's annual contribution currently exceeds \$300,000.00.

V. TERM

This MOU shall become effective upon execution by both Parties and shall remain in effect for one (1) year. The MOU may be renewed annually by mutual written agreement.

VI. TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this MOU upon written notice to the other Party. Termination shall not affect funds already contributed or obligations incurred prior to the effective date of termination.

VII. NON-BINDING NATURE

This MOU reflects the good-faith intentions of the Parties and does not create a legally binding obligation to appropriate or expend funds beyond those authorized by the Village of Elmore in accordance with applicable law.

VIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU represents the entire understanding between the Parties concerning the subject matter herein and may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

Population in Tax Base	Suggested Contribution
1 - 1,000	\$750.00
1,001 - 1,500	\$1,250.00
1,501 – 2,000	\$1,750.00
2,001 – 2,500	\$2,250.00
2,501 – 3,000	\$2,750.00
Over 3,000	\$3,250.00

James Van Eerten- Ottawa County
Prosecuting Attorney

Date

Zach Bowling- Major Crimes Unit
Commander

Date

Jeffrey Harrison – Village of Elmore Police
Chief

Date