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City of Ypsilanti Police Announce Temporary Collaboration with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office

YPSILANTI, MI – The City of Ypsilanti Police Department is known for its resolve and tenacity in solving crimes. Temporary capacity limitations, however, have prompted the Police Department to partner with the Sheriff's Office in response to serious or major crimes.

Effective August 7th, 2023, upon request the Sheriff's Office may provide investigative assistance to the Ypsilanti Police Department in response to serious or major crimes in the city that require resources beyond the Police Department's present capability.

Identified serious or major crimes to be investigated include but may not be limited to:

- Homicides
- Attempted Murder
- Suspicious Deaths
- Other high-profile crimes

"My unwavering commitment to providing professional public safety services to this community is reflected in this collaborative agreement with the Sheriff's Office. The Ypsilanti Police Department is committed to its mission, vision, and values which ensure we maintain a level of accountability during this collaboration," said Chief Kirk Moore, Chief of Police for the City of Ypsilanti Police Department.

The temporary mutual aid request will span a period of 120 days, approximately four (4) months. Its aims include:

- Improving response times to serious or major crimes in the community, resulting in crime prevention.
- Enhancing operational best practices and a quality assurance program.
- Creating a more coherent and comprehensive outreach to foster trust within the community.

"This level of cooperation in our county is unprecedented and represents the willingness of leadership to be the example of interagency collaboration. Furthermore, my plans and high growth trajectory for our organization are to move us forward and develop a cadre



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of well-trained investigators to resume our jurisdictional responsibilities, to be invested in law enforcement, as well as well-respected in the community.” said City of Ypsilanti Chief of Police, Kirk Moore.

“Consistent with our mission and values, we’re pleased to be able to collaborate with the city and the Police Department to ensure timely response and investigation of serious or major crimes when requested. We have exceptional investigators who have suspects in custody on all our most recent homicides and who carry a major case closure rate more than double the national average. We anticipate no impact on other operations and services as a result of the collaboration,” stated Sheriff Clayton.

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About The City of Ypsilanti Police Department

The Ypsilanti Police Department has a history rich in Pride, Diversity, and Heritage that can be traced back as early as 1825. Their mission is to work in partnership with the community, dedicated to improving the quality of life; and to provide a safe environment within the community and organization. The vision of the Ypsilanti Police Department is to strive to be a dynamic organization that is devoted to service excellence in making the city a safer and healthier place to live, work, and play. To learn more about the City of Ypsilanti Police Department follow us on Twitter @YPSICityPolice or visit us online at www.cityofypsilanti.com/269/Police-Department

Inquires regarding the mutual aid collaboration should be directed to Chief Moore or Sheriff Clayton.

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