

Memo

To: Munster Town Council

From: Chief of Police Stephen F. Scheckel

cc: Town Manager Dustin Anderson

Date: September 7, 2023

Re: M.O.U. County Wide Crash Team

Sometime before June of 2022 the Munster Police Department was advised by both the Indiana State Police, and the Lake County Sheriff's Department, that they would no longer be able to assist other agencies with serious injury accidents, or fatal accidents. The reason behind ending this longstanding cooperation was that they are just too busy covering their own crashes. Local municipalities decided to pool our resources to work more efficiently and form the County Wide Crash Team. Before you tonight is the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) for the team. Each agency's members require their respective governing bodies to sign the M.O.U.

The memorandum was reviewed by our town attorney, and he was comfortable with the language. Additionally, every member agency will contribute \$400.00 dollars annually to assist in the maintenance of the team. By each agency contributing a little each year, the team can leverage access to expensive equipment that would normally be a substantial cost to a single municipality.

By roll call vote, we respectfully ask the Munster Town Council vote to join the County Wide Crash Team and sign the Memorandum of Understanding. We are fortunate that Munster does not experience many serious injury or fatal accidents, however, when they do occur, we will be able to provide the level of expertise and professionalism that our residents expect.