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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR JOINT
AVIATION UNIT**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR JOINT AVIATION UNIT, made and entered into this 21st day of October 1998, by and between the City of Gainesville through its Police Department, and Stephen M. Oelrich, Sheriff of Alachua County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff;"

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have previously entered into an Inter-Agency Agreement for Joint Aviation Unit dated August 20, 1996 for the formation and operation of a Joint Aviation Unit; and

WHEREAS, the parties have previously signed an Addendum to the Inter-Agency Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to amend the Agreement to provide for compensation for certain services provided to the City of Gainesville Police Department by the Sheriff;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to amend the August 20, 1996 Agreement as follows:

SECTION II.. *Equipment, Fuel and Maintenance*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. GPD and ACSO shall share equally in costs of fuel, required maintenance and hangar lease agreements. Aircraft maintenance shall be performed by a mechanic employed by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. GPD agrees to one-half of this mechanic's salary in exchange for work performed by the mechanic on its aircraft.

SAVE AND EXCEPT as expressly amended herein, all other terms and provisions of the

original Inter-Agency Agreement for Joint Aviation Unit between the parties, dated August 20, 1996, and the Addendum to said Agreement, dated August 26, 1996, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this First Amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement for Joint Aviation Unit to be executed for the uses and purposes therein expressed on the day and year first above written.

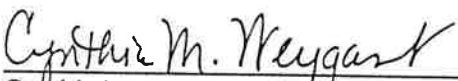
ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE


Sheriff Stephen M. Oelrich

CITY OF GAINESVILLE


Wayne Bowers, City Manager

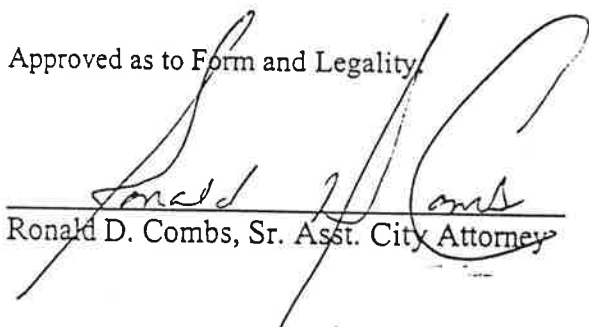
Approved as to Form and Legality:


Cynthia M. Weygant, Staff Attorney

Recommended:


Donald Shinnamon, Police Chief

Approved as to Form and Legality:


Ronald D. Combs, Sr. Asst. City Attorney



Gainesville Police Department

Inter-Office Communication

Chief Donald L. Shinnamon, Sr.

To: Chief Donald L. Shinnamon, Sr. Date: 11/19/98

From: Lt. Scott J. Meffen 
Tactical Operations Division Commander

Subject: Joint Aviation Unit FY '97-'98 Report

Reporting Period

This reporting period is from October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998.

Enforcement Program

During FY '97-'98 the Joint Aviation Unit began full-time operations. A schedule which provides coverage from 1100 hr. to 0300 hr. Monday through Saturday was implemented and an "on-call " schedule was also established and maintained which provides coverage during remaining hours. The primary mission performed was air support for Patrol operations.

Personnel

The unit was staffed as follows:

Pilots:	Dale Witt	GPD
	Richard Bray	ASO

Observers:	John Rouse	GPD
	Farnell Cole	ASO
	Dan Stout	GPD
	Richard Brooks	ASO

Maintenance		
Technician:	Walter Barnett	ASO

Direct Operating Costs

Total hours flown by GPD during this reporting period were 249.5 hours. Direct operating costs for the department helicopter are \$ 39.01 per flight hour. Total direct operating costs for the fiscal year were \$ 9,734.21.

Notable Events

During FY '97-'98 the Unit obtained a thermal imaging system (FLIR). The system was delivered in September of 1998 and therefore saw limited use during this past fiscal year.

The following is a brief synopsis of significant calls for service during the year.

- January 1998- *A sportsman became lost in the woods while hiking. The sportsman had been missing for approximately 16 hours. After ground units had been called and could not locate the person the Joint Aviation Unit was called for assistance. The air unit arrived onscene and within a short period of time located the lost sportsman. The air unit was able to direct the ground units to the lost person.
- March 1998- *A suicidal subject left their residence and disappeared into a nearby wooded area. Ground officers requested air support and the JAU arrived onscene shortly thereafter. Within minutes the air unit located the suicidal subject and directed the ground units to the location. This quick response by the air unit enabled the ground units to locate the suicidal subject before any injury occurred to the person.
- *Ground units responded to a prowler call. After arriving and approaching the area the suspected prowler fled from the ground units. The aviation unit responded and within minutes located the suspect who was attempting to elude ground officers. Officers were directed to the suspect who was arrested for prowling.
- April / May 1998- *After several Bank Robberies occurred that appeared to be related, a combined task force was assembled consisting of the Gainesville Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. The Joint Aviation Unit was requested for air support by the task force. Numerous missions were flown in support of the task

force. The task force completed this assignment with the arrest of all suspects involved in the armed robberies.

*While on patrol the aviation unit responded to a domestic dispute call. Although not a normal type call that the aviation unit might respond to, this case was somewhat different. The suspect was attempting to batter their spouse with a chainsaw. The aviation unit was first onscene and was able to determine that a vehicle was leaving the area. Deputies were directed to the vehicle while the air unit stayed at the residence providing support for ground deputies. The vehicle was apprehended a short distance away and the suspect was arrested.

June 1998-

*During the summer months wildfires threatened our area as well as other areas of the state. In our area Waldo and Windsor were the worst fires. The aviation unit assisted the Division of Forestry in both of these fires. In the Windsor fire the air unit was responsible for saving lives and property. A residence located near the fire was occupied by the resident who was attempting to cool the structure from the approaching flames with a garden hose. The air unit was able to see this activity and directed ground units from the fire department and the Sheriff's office to the location. By virtue of this action the residence was untouched by the fire and survived, as did the owner of that residence.

In the Waldo fire the aviation unit was also able to assist the firefighting efforts of the heavy air tankers brought in to quench the fires. The quick response of the helicopters was used to locate the hot areas that the tankers needed to douse. After the aviation unit identified the hot areas the heavy tankers would release their payloads on that area. Subsequently, the aviation unit would reconnoiter that area after the drop by the tankers to confirm the drop.

The Joint Aviation Unit was requested by other agencies in the state to assist in their firefighting efforts. St. John's County and Flagler County both were hit hard by wildfires. The JAU was able to assist our neighbors in their time of need and garner support for our area should the need ever arise in the future. All expenses incurred while working these fires were reimbursed by FEMA.

*An airboat on Lake Lochloosa that had no one onboard was spotted spinning in circles. After deputies arrived and contacted witnesses it was determined that there had been one person aboard that vessel earlier. The JAU was called out to assist in the search for the missing boater. Several missions were flown in an

attempt to locate the boater. It was determined several days later that the boater had drowned and was underwater during the search.

July 1998-

*While attempting to arrest a suspect in the Archer area, a deputy became involved in a physical struggle with that suspect. The suspect was able to obtain the deputy's firearm and the deputy was forced to defend himself with his back-up weapon subsequently having to fatally shoot the suspect. The area of this struggle was predominantly residential. Within seconds of the shooting the area quickly filled with people from the area. The crowd that was gathering began to encroach on the deputy. Numerous ground units were dispatched to the scene. The aviation unit arrived within minutes of the shooting. Upon observing the helicopter the crowd halted its encroachment on the deputy. From the air the aviation unit was able to relay the crowds size and position to the deputies on the ground and the responding units. Although the air unit did not land to assist the deputy the presence of the helicopter provided enough deterrent to the crowd to allow the other ground units to arrive safely.

August 1998-

*Ground units were dispatched to the area of 700 NW 5th Avenue where there were reports of shots being fired from a vehicle and possibly victims of the shooting. Units arrived on the scene and determined that the suspect had left the area. Ground units then heard more shots from an area west of the original call. The air unit spotted a vehicle leaving the area and followed. Ground units determined that the same suspect had in fact wounded some victims. The air unit continued to follow this suspect vehicle until ground units could perform a felony stop on the vehicle. After the stop the suspect were arrested and the weapons were recovered. The victims made positive identification of the suspect, and the case was solved.

*During all home football games for the University of Florida the city and county experience an influx of over 80,000 spectators and their vehicles. This season JAU was able to provide air support for after game traffic details. Although ground units handle the traffic extremely well, the air unit was able to provide critical information that allowed for an even more efficient method to disperse the exceptionally large crowds. Bottlenecks and tie-ups that could not be seen by the ground units were seen by the air unit early enough to correct the problems before they started.

Arrests:

During FY'97-'98 the Joint Aviation Unit accumulated **40** arrests. The Unit was only full-time operational for **nine** months of the year. Below is a breakdown of arrests by category of call for service. Most of the following arrests occurred after the original crime when the suspect(s) had fled the area and were located by the Air Unit.

Burglary Residence	5
Robbery	2
Stolen Vehicles	9
Grand Theft	2
Assault – Armed Suspects	3
Assault	3
Wanted Suspects	4
Shooting	1
Drug Offense	3
DUI	1
Resisting Without	2
Prowler	2
Trash Dumping	1
Reckless Driving	1
Hit and Run	1

Summary

Overall, fiscal year '97-'98 was very successful for the Joint Aviation Unit. Full-time operations began in the second quarter of the year. The Unit became permanently staffed in the third quarter of the year, with a full-time observer and pilot. Although still in the growing phase the Unit managed to account for **40 arrests** and **524 calls for service**.

In the short time the unit has been operational we have responded to a variety of calls for service. Whether locating lost persons or responding to back-up for ground units the Joint Aviation Unit has responded quickly and very often been the first unit on the scene. By being first on the scene in concert with an aerial view the air unit allows for more efficient deployment of ground units, and greater safety of the responding officers.

Summary (continued)

Citizen input throughout the year has been very positive. Through interaction with the citizens in the form of Crime Watch meetings, static displays, school displays, and other types of contact the JAU has educated the public as to the missions performed and the necessity of air support. We have received approximately five calls regarding noise, however the majority of these calls were inquiries as to the specific call for service in their neighborhood, and once informed; the citizens were supportive of our efforts. Each inquiry that was received by the Joint Aviation Unit was handled personally by JAU staff either in person or by telephone.

At the end of fiscal year '97-'98 GPD added a thermal imaging system to the OH-6 aircraft. The imager was only operational for 10 days during this reporting period. A second thermal imaging system has been purchased by ASO and will be installed on their OH-58 aircraft during November 1998. The addition of these thermal imagers will further enhance the ability of the JAU to provide service to the community. Calls for service and apprehensions will dramatically increase with the addition of this equipment.

The office building acquired through the military surplus program at minimal cost has been refurbished and moved to the airport site. This will become the permanent base of operations for the JAU. The building will consist of office space, conference room for mission planning, and bathroom facilities. After extensive negotiations a lease has been agreed upon and implemented for the JAU hangar and office site at the Gainesville Regional Airport. Neighbors at the airport are excited and pleased to have the JAU located on the general aviation side of the airport, and have been supportive of the JAU and Law Enforcement aviation in our community.

With the addition of thermal imaging equipment, the experience of a partial year of operation, a permanent base of operations, and permanent staffing, the upcoming year will prove to be even more successful than this year.

FY '98-'99 Objectives

- ◆ Complete installation and set-up of office
- ◆ Complete refurbishment of hangar
- ◆ Install recording equipment for thermal imager system
- ◆ Continue education of citizens on air operations
- ◆ Provide training for all Law Enforcement Agencies in Alachua County
- ◆ Conduct combined training with GFR Hazmat Unit
- ◆ Provide service to GRU for powerline reconnaissance
- ◆ Certification of OH-6 aircraft
- ◆ Provide service to other city departments (i.e. aerial photos, etc.)
- ◆ Increase apprehensions by at least 50%

Joint Aviation Unit Statistics FY '97-'98

CFS= Calls for Service

Combined Unit

<u>Mo/Yr</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Fuel(gal.)</u>	<u>Total CFS</u>
Oct-97	23.9	401	18
Nov-97	15.9	164	12
Dec-97	24.5	333	15
Jan-98	32.3	503	37
Feb-98	22.8	391	23
Mar-98	47.6	868	49
Apr-98	67.5	1262	60
May-98	64.6	1260	55
Jun-98	75.7	1567	71
Jul-98	72.2	1593	79
Aug-98	46.9	988	53
Sep-98	46.7	912	52

Yearly Totals 540.6 10242 524

OH-6 N911GP

<u>Mo/Yr</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Fuel(gal.)</u>
Oct-97	5.9	108
Nov-97 (maintenance)		
Dec-97	13.5	171
Jan-98	21	390
Feb-98	12	226
Mar-98	24.4	460
Apr-98	31.9	573
May-98	44.9	832
Jun-98	26.6	502
Jul-98	19.7	377
Aug-98	11	183
Sep-98	38.6	727

Yearly Totals 249.5 4549

Calls for Service by Signals

SIGNAL	Description	CFS	SIGNAL	Description	CFS
0	Armed Subject	22	22	Disturbance	27
1	Impaired Driver	1	24	Robbery	18
3	Hit & Run	1	25	Fire	8
4	Traffic Crash	1	27	Prowler	5
7	Death Investigation	1	29	Assault/Battery	6
8	Miss child/person	11	32	Theft	2
9	Lost/Stolen tag	1	33	Alarm	19
10	Stolen Vehicle	11	35	Shooting	4
12	Traffic Problem	1	37	Suicide/attempt	1
13	Susp Activity	63	38	Hostage/Abduction	1
13p	person	40	45	Shots Heard	1
13i	Incident	5	48	Wanted subject	11
13v	vehicle	11	49	Warrant	1
15	Special Detail	170	50	Assistance	5
19	Narcotics Violation	5	51	Loud Noise	1
20	Mentally Impaired	1	52	Increased Patrol	13
21	Burglary	31	56	Forgery	3
			1038	Back-up	32
			1031	Pursuit	17

Note:

Significant calls for service as follows:

Armed subjects: 22
Miss child / person: 11

Burglary: 31
Disturbance: 27

Robbery: 18