



Huntsville, Alabama

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Department: Police

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Our Rescue, a 501 (C) (3) and the City of Huntsville, through its Police Department, for the donation of a specially trained Electronic Storage Detection canine animal that will help HPD identify and rescue victims of sex trafficking and child sexual abuse, and prosecute and convict criminal traffickers and abusers.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: TBD

City Cost Amount: TBD

Total Cost: TBD

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: NA

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: NA

Resolution #: NA

Location: (list below)

Address:

District: District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

Additional Comments:

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - _____

WHEREAS, Our Rescue, a 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of partnering with law enforcement to identify and rescue victims of sex trafficking and child sexual abuse and prosecute and convict criminal traffickers and abusers, has selected the City of Huntsville, Alabama, by and through its police department, to be the recipient of a specially trained canine animal, referred to as an ESD K- 9 (Electronic Storage Detection canine animal) to assist the Huntsville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Police Department has a unit of police officers specially trained in investigations of human trafficking and internet crimes against children, identified by the acronym S.T.R.I.K.E. (Special Taskforce for Investigating Kid Exploitation), that will be able to use the donated canine animal to help with investigations, provide support to survivors and educate the public on how to identify and report human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the attached Memorandum of Understanding is to formalize the working relationship between Our Rescue and the City of Huntsville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Our Rescue, a 501 (C) (3) not-for profit organization, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as “Memorandum of Understanding Between Our Rescue and The City of Huntsville, Alabama” consisting of four (4) pages and the date of January 22, 2026 appearing on the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of January, 2026.

President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 22nd day of January, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Between
Our Rescue
And
The City of Huntsville, Alabama**

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville, Alabama, by and through its police department, (“Receiving Agency”), and Our Rescue (collectively “Parties” and each individually a “Party”) have mutual goals and have come together to collaborate on strategies, investigations, and technical assistance to rescue children and others from human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Our Rescue is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of partnering with law enforcement to identify and rescue victims of sex trafficking and child sexual abuse; helping to secure the evidence necessary to prosecute and convict criminal traffickers and abusers; providing support for survivors through comprehensive survivor care programs that are fully-vetted and trusted to deliver care person-centered and trauma-informed services for the survivor’s healing journey; educating the public and key stakeholders on how to identify and report human trafficking and join Our Rescue’s mission; and conducting any and all ancillary activities in furtherance of the foregoing purposes; and

WHEREAS the Parties agree to work collaboratively pursuant to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) which sets forth the roles and responsibilities of each Party.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **DONATION.**

Our Rescue will provide the following donation to Receiving Agency (the “Donation”):

- Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9 acquisition, initial certification fees for handler and ESD K9, a canine animal specially trained by Jordan Detection K9 to combat Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation.
- Travel to/from participating agency, lodging, and if needed, rental vehicle for the two- week initial certification course. Wages and per-diem are the responsibility of the Receiving Agency.
- OUR approved ESD K9 gear and equipment for initial certification. Includes supplies needed for the initial certification phase of the dog (leash, utility type

- strap/vest, chew toys, bowls, etc.).
- Annual recertification fees for the ESD K9 only. Travel, hotel, per diem, rental vehicle, etc. are not included for annual ESD recerts and are the responsibility of the Receiving Agency.

Optional Donation - Must be checked by Our Rescue Representative to show approval of enrollment.

- Monthly stipend of \$80 for dog food, for the working life of the K9. [☒]
- Routine vet appointment expenses. Shots, medication, exams and physicals for the working life of the K9. Surgery and emergency care is not included. [☒]
- K9 trading cards. [☒]

The Donation will be primarily used in efforts to combat Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation by the Receiving Agency.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF OUTCOME AND USE OF FUNDING.**

Our Rescue is fully sustained by donors who generously give to help save children from being victimized by sexual predators and to identify, rescue and heal those who have fallen prey to human trafficking. Our Rescue donors deserve to be informed regarding how their donations equate to the "measurables" necessary to combat child exploitation. The Receiving Agency's agreement to receive the Donation will entail providing Our Rescue with basic statistics, quarterly for one year. Reports should include statistics relating to survivors helped, suspects arrested, and victims identified. An impact statement will also be provided detailing how the Donation has improved or impacted Receiving Agency's work to fight exploitation and aid survivors. Our Rescue will utilize any reports to show donors how their donations resulted in positive outcomes for victims of human trafficking/child exploitation. Information provided by Receiving Agency will not be released without the Receiving Agency's written consent.

3. **NON-DISPARAGEMENT.**

To the extent that it is consistent with its role as a municipal governmental agency, the Receiving Agency agrees to refrain from making any statements or representations that may disparage Our Rescue or its affiliates. This includes avoiding any actions that might harm their reputations. However, this clause does not prevent the Receiving Agency from making truthful statements required by law, provided Our Rescue is notified in advance.

4. **INSPECTION AND EVALUATION.**

Our Rescue reserves the right to inspect donated items and conduct periodic evaluations to ensure compliance with reporting requirements and assess the effectiveness of the support provided. This helps determine the continuation of support based on the outcomes and yield of the arrangement.

5. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.**

The relationship of the parties established by this MOU is that of independent

contractors, and nothing contained in this MOU shall be construed to give either party the power to direct and control the day-to-day activities of the other, constitute the parties as partners, joint venturers, co-owners or otherwise as participants in a joint undertaking or allow either party to create or assume any obligation on behalf of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

6. **K9 AGREEMENT.**

The Receiving Agency shall not deviate from the training and certification methods illustrated, taught, received, and mandated by staff at Jordan Detection K9 in Indiana, U.S.A. Any deviation from these trained and certified methods will result in the loss of K9 sponsorship and support from Our Rescue. In addition, the ESD K9 handler and ESD K9 will be deemed uncertified by both Jordan Detection K9 as well as Our Rescue.

The Receiving Agency agrees to uphold the recertification requirements for a minimum of five years. In the event the handler is not able to fulfill the five-year agreement, the Receiving Agency will assume responsibility for sending a new handler to train and certify with the original K9 by the next available training class. If special circumstances limit the original K9 from completing the 5-year commitment, additional K9 assistance will be considered by Our Rescue on a case-by-case basis.

After the five (5) year commitment period, the K9 would be placed with the handler, and become the property of the Receiving Agency with all title, ownership, possession of, and responsibility for such animal being transferred to Receiving Agency, except as noted in the following paragraph.

However, if the handler chooses to continue to work the K9 after five (5) years, Our Rescue will continue to pay for the K9's yearly wellness visit with the vet, monthly food stipend and recertification fee.

7. **AGENCY DETAILS.**

The Receiving Agency, by and through the Chief of Police or his designee, shall provide Our Rescue with the name of the designated LEA K9 handler, Receiving Agency Media Representative and related contact information upon finalization of this MOU.

8. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This MOU constitutes the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of the entire agreement between the parties regarding this subject matter. It is entered into without reliance on any promise or representation, written or oral, other than those expressly contained herein, and it supersedes any other such promises, warranties, or representations.

9. **Amendment.**

No provisions of this MOU may be modified, waived, or discharged unless such waiver, modification, or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by both parties.

10. **Electronic Signature.**

The Parties agree that any form of electronic signature, including but not limited to signatures via facsimile, scanning, or electronic mail, may substitute for the original signature and have the same legal effect as the original signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this MOU to be effective as of the 1st day of February, 2026.

Agency

By _____

Name: Tommy Battle

Title: Mayor of the City of Huntsville

Date: _____

By _____

Name: Shaundrika Edwards

Title: Clerk of the City of Huntsville

Date: _____

Our Rescue

By Nate Davis 

Name: Nate Davis

Title: Vice President of Missions

Date: January 19, 2026