

RESOLUTION 2023-_____

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 53 Pa. C.S.A. §2307 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF LEHIGH COUNTY, THE LISTED MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES IN LEHIGH COUNTY, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is a municipal corporation being a City of the Third-Class, subject to the Optional Third-Class City Charter Law, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its constituent parts being split by law between Northampton County and Lehigh County, Pennsylvania with principal administrative offices at City Hall, 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 (hereinafter referred to as “City”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, the City established a Police Department (hereinafter referred to as “BPD”) which is responsible for all police services required for the protection of the residents of the City, along with Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the municipal police departments and criminal justice agencies listed in the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto (the “MOU”), including the BPD, are Agencies as defined by the Criminal History Records Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies have agreed to share video from the FUSUS platform to facilitate and coordinate investigations and solve crimes within Lehigh County, Pennsylvania and this video sharing effort is accomplished by use of the FUSUS unified public safety solution; and

WHEREAS, in order for each Agency to become a Participating Agency in the FUSUS platform it must sign the attached MOU; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that municipal law enforcement agencies collect video information through the course of their normal daily business, and that video may be valuable sources of information for other law enforcement agencies conducting similar or concurrent investigations; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that, in order to facilitate the sharing of this information between participating law enforcement agencies, that certain protocols and assurances must exist between these law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the BPD desires to execute the MOU for the purpose of becoming a participating agency as defined in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the BPD's involvement in the MOU shall become effective on the date the City signs the Agreement and shall continue until terminated by the District Attorney of Lehigh County or the City upon written notification to the District Attorney of Lehigh County; and

WHEREAS, the MOU further addresses the operational procedures and requirements necessary to implement the MOU.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this ____ day of _____, 2023, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem, approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto and that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City of Bethlehem and its Police Department.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this ____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk