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Memorandum of Understanding

Weber County Sheriff's Office

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THE SECURE STRIKE FORCE PROGRAM

In 2009, the Utah legislature tasked the Utah Attorney General to "administer and coordinate the operation of a multi-agency strike force to combat violent and other major felony crimes within this state that are associated with illegal immigration and human trafficking." U.C.A. § 67-5-22.7. Today, a team of elite Special Agent Investigators and highly qualified and experienced prosecutors and support staff carry out this mandate in the form of the S.E.C.U.R.E Strike Force (Statewide Enforcement to Combat Unlawful Racketeering and Exploitation).

The S.E.C.U.R.E Strike Force partners with many Federal and State and Local Law enforcement Agencies to ensure the directive of the legislature. S.E.C.U.R.E prosecutors are crossed-deputized as Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys, allowing them to prosecute in both state and federal court. Through these partnerships and its own independent investigations, the S.E.C.U.R.E Strike Force capably investigates and prosecutes cases involving human trafficking, illegal immigration, identity theft, fraudulent documents, and illicit narcotics, firearms and other major felony crimes. These crimes often cross jurisdictional boundaries and can affect hundreds of victims. The S.E.C.U.R.E Strike Force pursues these cases statewide and federally, to ensure these offenders receive sentences appropriate to the scale of their crimes.

The S.E.C.U.R.E Team of Investigators, Prosecutors and support staff are active participants in the Utah Trafficking in Persons Task Force (UTIP). In this role, they work with non-governmental organizations, victim service providers, educators, and other stakeholders to combat human trafficking throughout Utah. The S.E.C.U.R.E Team has become recognized experts in the human trafficking field, presenting on the topic across the state and at major national human trafficking conferences.

By nurturing and building these strong statewide partnerships, S.E.C.U.R.E continues to carry out the mandate of the legislature by targeting criminal enterprises associated with human trafficking, identity theft, fraudulent documents, illicit narcotics, and firearms. The S.E.C.U.R.E Strike Force's unique ability to thoroughly investigate these large-scale crimes and follow up with a large-scale prosecution of these offenders helps ensure the safety of Utah's communities and protect the rights of all Utahns.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) exists between the Utah Attorney General's Office and the state and local law enforcement affiliate agencies, regardless of whether the agency receives task force award funding. The Utah Attorney General's Office provides funding received from various sources to law enforcement agencies to act as affiliates to the SECURE Strike Force. This MOU is between the Utah Attorney General's Office – SECURE Strike Force and the **WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, hereafter referred to as the "**Affiliate Agency**".

The purpose of the MOU is to formalize the working relationship between the **Affiliate Agency** and the Utah Attorney General's Office, and to delineate responsibilities and expectations of the relevant parties. By signing the MOU, an agreement is made between the **Affiliate Agency** and the Utah Attorney General's Office to vigorously and properly investigate crimes related to Human Trafficking and major crimes committed by or against undocumented persons. By becoming an affiliate with the SECURE Strike Force, the **Affiliate Agency** will benefit from funding resources, joint operations, forensic resources, officer wellness, training opportunities, etc. Conversely, the SECURE Strike Force will benefit from the investigative support from the **Affiliate Agency**.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the SECURE Strike Force is to thoroughly investigate, prosecute and disrupt major crimes committed by illegal immigrants involving, but not limited to Human Trafficking, Exploitation, Identity Theft, Fraudulent Documents, Illicit Narcotics, Firearms and other major felony crimes that threaten the safety and well-being of all Utah communities.

AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS

Due in large part to complex investigations handled by SECURE, the affiliate program promotes a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency team approach to investigating and prosecuting SECURE cases.

All SECURE investigations will be conducted only by sworn law enforcement investigators and in a spirit of cooperation with other SECURE affiliate program members. Investigations will follow guidelines established by each agency's respective policy manual or guidelines.

The **Affiliate Agency** agrees that only sworn peace officers, assigned as SECURE investigators, will conduct undercover (UC) SECURE investigations, if UC work is needed in a particular case. SECURE and affiliates investigators are not required or mandated to perform UC work. If investigator(s) chooses to be involved with undercover operations, he/she shall have received prior training before initiating proactive investigations. This training can be received through SECURE or any approved training and/or training programs through the State of Utah.

SECURE AWARD

Every police agency in Utah is responsible for enforcement and crime prevention activities relating to human trafficking and should cooperate one with another in this mission, regardless of task force or other affiliations, or whether augmented funding is available to them.

SECURE funding is meant to augment individual agency budgets in their efforts to prevent and investigate human trafficking investigations. SECURE funding is not meant to comprehensively cover the costs associated with traditional enforcement activities. Rather, the funds are intended to provide additional financial resources to help cover costs associated with overtime, training, outreach, and forensic tools, as examples.

The awarded funding is only to be used for the following purposes:

The Utah Attorney General's Office has awarded the **Affiliate Agency** a state contract of **$ 15,000 for *the performance period of 12 months (SFY 26) during the contract period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027*.**

SUPERVISION

The **Affiliate Agency** will be responsible for the operational supervision, administrative control, and the personal and professional conduct of their SECURE investigator(s). SECURE investigations are a cooperative effort, and investigative decisions will be a joint process guided by the **Affiliate Agency's** policy.

LIABILITY

The **Affiliate Agency** is responsible and potentially liable for the acts and omissions of its own investigators or employees in connection with the performance of their official duties under the signed MOU. For tort liability purposes, no participating agency shall be considered the agent of other participating agencies. Each participating agency shall be potentially liable, if at all, only for the torts of its own investigators or employees that occur within the scope of their official duties.

REPORTING STATISTICS

The assigned **Affiliate Agency** SECURE investigator(s) shall submit monthly statistics on all SECURE investigations and/or other investigative work pertaining to human trafficking investigations, major crimes committed by or against undocumented citizens.

TRAINING

The **Affiliate Agency** shall make their SECURE investigator(s), available for applicable specialized training provided to them. If a training request is approved, the **Affiliate Agency** will pay the normal salary of its staff member(s) while they are attending the training.

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is understood that any confidential information pertaining to investigations SECURE will be held in the strictest confidence. SECURE case information will only be shared with participating SECURE Strike Force members and/or other law enforcement agencies where necessary or as otherwise permitted by federal and/or state law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement shall be effective on the signing date and continue until the end of the performance period, or the agreement is canceled by either party upon written notice delivered to both the Utah Attorney General's Office and the **Affiliate Agency** within 30 days.

In the event of noncompliance with any of the terms of this agreement as outlined above or if either party terminates this agreement, state funds awarded (if any) to the **Affiliate Agency** that have not been spent will be suspended.

Entered this ____ day of _____, 20___.

_____	_____
Print Name	Signature
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Title	Name of Agency

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Nate Mutter, Chief, Utah Attorney General's Office

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Mick Spilker, Captain, SECURE Strike Force