MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY, MESA COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

The three parties identified in this memorandum are in mutual support of the objective of maintaining a POST police academy at Colorado Mesa University. Due to the increasing need for police training and the advantages of having a local academy with significant involvement of local police agencies in the guidance and delivery of the academy, the parties agree to the following:

CMU will:

- Provide a faculty member to serve as the Academy Director responsible for day to day operations, administration, and management of the Academy
- Provide classroom support for didactic instruction
- Provide administrative support
- Provide supplies and materials necessary for classroom instruction
- Provide part time instructors for the academy
- Establish and utilize a Board of Advisors which will consist of two City of Grand Junction representatives, two Mesa County representatives, one District Attorney's Office representative, and two at-large representatives to be determined by Colorado Mesa University. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice on the Academy's mission, purpose, policies and curriculum.
- Provide eight (8) in-state tuition waivers/scholarships per year, no more than 4 per semester, to be filled by Mesa County and City of Grand Junction sponsored cadets. The specific allocation of seats for each agency will be determined by the Advisory Committee.

Mesa County will:

- Provide officer time for a lead instructor in the academy as necessary to cover all skills in the curriculum as needed
- Provide instructors for academic subjects to be determined on an on-going basis in cooperation with the Academy Director and Grand Junction Police Department
- Provide reduced costs for vehicles through the agency for Academy vehicles when practicable
- Commit to sending authorized recruits to only this academy each year
- Agree to promote the academy in all hiring materials development
- Provide personnel to serve on a Board of Advisors
- Pay for the costs of uniforms for recipient(s) of tuition waivers/scholarships
- Pay the difference in cost for non-resident tuition for non-resident scholarship recipients
- Provide facilities to support physical training
- Provide instructors for the Summer Refresher Academy when offered.

City of Grand Junction will:

- Provide officer time for a lead instructor when the academy is in session as necessary to cover all skills in the curriculum as needed
- Provide instructors for academic subjects to be determined on an on-going basis in cooperation with the Academy Director and Mesa County Sheriff's Office
- Provide reduced costs for vehicles through the agency for Academy vehicles when practicable
- Commit to sending as many authorized recruits to only this academy each year
- Agree to promote the academy in all hiring material development
- Provide personnel to serve on a Board of Advisors
- Provide labor costs for maintenance of POST vehicles at the conclusion of each Academy
- Pay for the costs of uniforms for recipient(s) of tuition waivers/scholarships
- Pay the difference in cost for non-resident tuition for non-resident scholarship recipients
- Provide access to the firing range •
- Provide instructors for the Summer Refresher Academy when offered •

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