

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

Ouachita Parish District Attorney's Office, Monroe Police Department, West Monroe Police Department, Sterlington Police Department, Richwood Police Department, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office

And

**University of Louisiana Monroe,
Louisiana Delta Community College**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3399.14, as amended by Act 439 and 472 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is a collaboration between the Ouachita Parish District Attorney's Office, the Monroe Police Department, the West Monroe Police Department, the Sterlington Police Department, the Richwood Police Department, the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office (the "Law Enforcement Group"), and the University of Louisiana Monroe and Louisiana Delta Community College (the "Institutions"), each represented by the authorized signatory below.

The law requires that all public institutions of higher education shall enter into and maintain a written memorandum of agreement with local law enforcement agencies, including the campus police department, if any, the local district attorney's office, and any law enforcement agency with criminal jurisdiction over the campus, to clearly delineate the responsibilities and share information, in accordance with applicable state and federal confidentiality laws, including but not limited to trends regarding power-based violence committed by or against students of an institution.

With signature to this MOU by all parties, representatives are demonstrating a commitment to the requirements of La R.S. 17:3399.14. This agreement shall be reviewed annually by each institution's chancellor/president, Title IX coordinator, and the executive officer of the criminal justice agency, and shall be revised as considered necessary.

Nothing in this MOU entered into by the Parties shall be construed as prohibiting a victim or responsible employee from making a complaint to both the institution and a law enforcement agency.

The parties agree as follows:

1. The Ouachita Parish District Attorney's Office, the Monroe Police Department, the West Monroe Police Department, the Sterlington Police Department, the Richwood Police Department, the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, the Louisiana Delta Community College Police Department and the University of Louisiana Monroe Police Department (Law Enforcement Group) each agree to:

a. Designate a liaison to serve and work with the Institutions, including each Institution's Police Department and Title IX Coordinator, and to serve as the agency's contact person;

b. Maintain communication and contact with the Institutions and Title IX Coordinators at the Institutions, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own duties and/or investigation, including meeting with their Title IX Coordinators or others to assist those institutions in resolving power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or involved a student of an institution as a victim or accused, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence;

- c. Notify the respective Institutions, to the extent able with respect to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law, of any report of power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or involved students of an institution as a victim or accused;
- d. Coordinate investigations with the Institutions, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own duties and/or investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving power-based violence that may have occurred on their respective campuses or involved students of an institution as a victim or accused is fully investigated;
- e. Assist in the development and implementation of training for use by the Parties hereto related to sharing information and conducting investigations into power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or involved students of an institution as a victim or accused;
- f. Share general information with the Institutions about power-based violence committed within the jurisdiction of the parties that may have involved a student of the institution as a victim or accused hereto with the goal of promoting and improving campus safety;
- g. Include on its police reports information related to the status of the alleged victim as a student of an Institution; and
- h. Develop and support policies and procedures to establish and maintain meaningful communication between all signatories to this MOU.

2. The University of Louisiana Monroe and Louisiana Delta Community college (“Institutions”) each agree to:

- a. Designate a liaison to serve and work with the Law Enforcement Group, and to serve as the Institution’s contact person;
- b. Maintain communication and contact with the Law Enforcement Group, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own duties and/or investigation, including meeting with their Title IX Coordinators or others to assist those in resolving power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or that may have involved a student of an institution as a victim or accused, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence;
- c. Notify the Law Enforcement Group, to the extent able with respect to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law, of any report of power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or that may have involved a student of an institution as a victim or accused;
- d. Coordinate investigations with the Law Enforcement Group, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own duties and/or investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving power-based violence that may have occurred on their respective campuses or that may have involved a student of an institution is fully investigated;
- e. Assist the development and implementation of training with the Law Enforcement Group, for the sharing of information and conducting investigations into power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or that may have involved a student of an institution as a victim or accused;

f. Share general information with the Law Enforcement Group, where applicable, about power-based violence that may have occurred on their campuses or that may have involved a student of an institution as a victim or accused, with the goal of promoting and improving campus safety; and

g. Develop and support the policies and procedures to establish and maintain the communication between all signatories to this MOU.

3. Term: This MOU shall be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby accepted and adopted by the following:


Ouachita Parish District Attorney's Office (Steve Tew, District Attorney)

11/22/21
Date


Ouachita Parish District Sheriff's Office (Jay Russell, Sheriff)

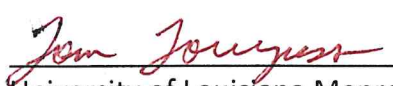
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Monroe Police Department (Vic Zordan, Chief)

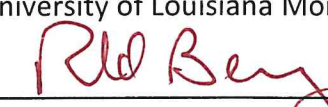
11-22-21
Date


City of Monroe (Friday Ellis, Mayor)

12-8-21
Date


University of Louisiana Monroe (Tom Torregrossa, Director UPD)


11/18/21
Date


University of Louisiana Monroe (Dr. Ron Berry, President)


12/9/2021
Date


Louisiana Delta Community College (Downey Black, Chief)

11-22-2021
Date


Louisiana Delta Community College (Dr. Randall Esters, Chancellor)

11-30-2021
Date


West Monroe Police Department (Jeffrey Terrell, Chief)

11-22-21
Date


City of West Monroe Staci Albritton- Mitchell, Mayor)

11-30-21
Date


Sterlington Police Department (Barry Bonner, Chief)

11/22/21
Date


City of Sterlington (Caesar Velasquez, Mayor)

30 Nov 2021
Date


Richwood Police Department (Johnny Cleveland, Chief)

11-22-21
Date


City of Richwood (Gerald Brown, Mayor)

11/22/21
Date