

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

1. **REQUESTED MOTION/PURPOSE:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lee County Port Authority Police Department and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for access and data to Florida Facial Recognition Network (FR-Net).
2. **FUNDING SOURCE:** No funding required
3. **TERM:** The Agreement shall be effective on the date upon which it has been signed by both parties and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice.
4. **WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** The Lee County Port Authority Police Department is requesting access to a free of charge facial recognition database hosted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, to be used as an investigative tool to aid in identifying suspects. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requires the Chief of Police to sign the document because of access to Criminal Justice Information. This request is to allow the Chief of Police a one-time authority to enter into the agreement in lieu of, and with the approval of, the Executive Director/CEO.

5. **CATEGORY:** 14
Consent Agenda
6. **ASMC MEETING DATE:** 2/18/2025
7. **BoPC MEETING DATE:** 3/6/2025

- 8. AGENDA:**
- _____ CEREMONIAL/PUBLIC PRESENTATION
- X CONSENT
- _____ ADMINISTRATIVE

**9. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:
(ALL REQUESTS)**

NAME Mark R. Fisher

DIV. Aviation

10. BACKGROUND:

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will establish a relationship between the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County Port Authority Police Department under which the Sheriff will grant access and/or obtain data for inclusion in Florida's Facial Recognition Network (FR-NET), hosted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. FR-Net provides facial biometric search capabilities, subject information, face image comparison tools, training for facial recognition search, and face image analysis methods and best practices via CJNET to authorized Florida law enforcement agencies.

The Lee County Port Authority Police Department will have authorized access and/or receive Criminal Justice Information and have current agreements with FDLE and/or the FBI and must adhere to the requirements set forth via the FBI CJIS Security Policy to include the security of the data and information, as well as the exchange of any such data or information. The MOU requires the Chief of Police to sign the document because of the guidelines set forth for

11. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

<u>DEPUTY EXEC DIRECTOR</u>	<u>COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>PORT ATTORNEY</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</u>
Mark R. Fisher	Victoria B. Moreland	N/A	David W. Amdor	Andrea R. Fraser	Steven C. Hennigan

12. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVED **X (7-0)**
 APPROVED as AMENDED
 DENIED
 OTHER

13. PORT AUTHORITY ACTION:

APPROVED
 APPROVED as AMENDED
 DENIED
 DEFERRED to
 OTHER

Background (continued)

accessing Criminal Justice Information. This request is to allow the Chief of Police a one-time authority to enter into the agreement in lieu of, and with the approval of, the Executive Director / CEO.

The agreement shall be effective on the date upon which it has been signed by both parties and shall continue until terminated by either party. The MOU may be terminated by either party without cause, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice. If the Port Authority breaches the agreement, the MOU may be terminated immediately by the Pinellas County Sheriff, with the termination effective upon receipt of written notice to the Lee County Port Authority Police Department.

Attachments:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)