

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**Between**  
*Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Law Enforcement Department*  
**and**  
*Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Central Dispatch Authority*

**I. Background:**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Law Enforcement Department and the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet (CCE) Central Dispatch Authority are separate and autonomous regional public entities in the State of Michigan. Both entities provide a form of public safety in the same geographic area. Both entities also recognize the need to work collaboratively on certain projects that may mutually benefit each other and the citizens they serve.

**II. Purpose of this Memorandum:**

Recognizing the background noted above, the LTBB Law Enforcement Department and CCE Central Dispatch Authority are interested in working together to provide enhanced public safety for the Tribal Citizens of the LTBB and to increase safety for the LTBB Law Enforcement Department and the Law Enforcement Agencies that participate in the Authority while handling incidents in and around their respective response areas.

A collaboration of communication and data sharing of Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Records and Jail Management, and Radio Communications will benefit both the LTBB Law Enforcement Department and the participating Law Enforcement Agencies.

A collaboration of sharing communications components and equipment, networks and software will also provide the LTBB Law Enforcement Department with communications back-up and dispatch services in an emergency situation or as needed by the LTBB Law Enforcement Department.

**III. Representation:**

The LTBB Chief of Police and the CCE Central Dispatch Authority Executive Director may appoint a joint subcommittee to identify key common components, develop plans, and make recommendations to their respective Councils and Boards.

The LTBB Chief of Police and the CCE Central Dispatch Authority Executive Director may schedule joint meetings in order to facilitate discussion on recommendations of the subcommittee. These discussions may involve, but would not be limited to, items such as: ownership of equipment, funding, joint application for grants, etc.

#### **IV. Mutual goals:**

The LTBB Law Enforcement Department and CCE Central Dispatch Authority both recognize that the regional sharing of resources can be beneficial to each party in order to achieve a higher level of interoperability and preparedness. This sharing of resources may eliminate possible duplication of key equipment and services, and enhance the ability of participating agencies sharing common border areas and infrastructure to work collaboratively to ensure the highest possible level of services. This sharing allows for collaborations in applying for grants and awards for communication and data sharing projects that are mutually beneficial to both parties and will enhance, improve, replace, manage and administer projects for LTBB and participating Law Enforcement Agencies.

#### **V. Parties' Roles and Responsibilities:**

It is hereby agreed by and between the parties as follows:

- A. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Law Enforcement Department and CCE Central Dispatch Authority may authorize the appointment of representatives to a joint subcommittee for the identification of key areas where sharing of resources may be mutually beneficial.
- B. The subcommittee may meet to exchange information and correspondence via the most appropriate means, and develop goals and recommendations for their respective Councils and Boards.
- C. The subcommittee members would serve without additional compensation, but may be compensated for expenses, such as travel, lodging, etc., by their respective Council or Board.
- D. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Law Enforcement Department together with the CCE Central Dispatch Authority may commit funds to projects that are deemed necessary and beneficial to the needs and goals identified and mutually agreed upon.
- E. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Law Enforcement Department shall be an equal response agency partner like any current Law Enforcement Agency that participates in the CCE Central Dispatch Authority.
- F. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Law Enforcement Department may appoint a representative to serve as a member on CCE's Technical Advisory Committee Board (TAC).
- G. To the extent allowed by law, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shall enjoy the protections afforded under the Michigan Public Safety Communications Act (PA 32 of 1986).
- H. Title to any equipment that is shared between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and CCE Central Dispatch Authority shall remain with the original owner of the equipment.
- I. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Law Enforcement Department retains direct and sole access to LTBB data that is required to be locked and available only to the LTBB Law Enforcement Department, but shall share "usable reporting data" with the other Law Enforcement Agencies for the purpose of criminal investigations and other law enforcement reporting needs.

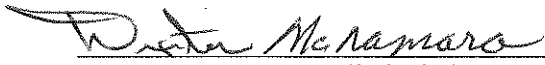
**VI. Voluntary Disassociation:**

This MOU is a nonbinding relationship that both parties have entered into in good faith. Either party may void this MOU without penalty or liability by so notifying the other in writing twelve (12) months prior to the desired disassociation date.

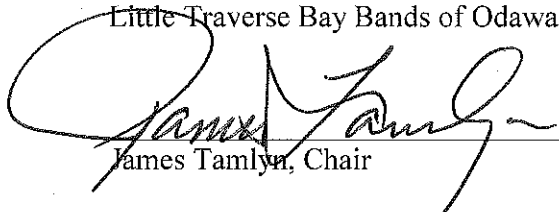
**VII. Term and Amendment:**

This Memorandum shall be in effect until voided by either party twelve (12) months prior to the desired termination date. Both parties reserve the right to renegotiate this Memorandum upon the mutual consent of the other party. This Memorandum represents the entire understanding of both parties with respect to this collaboration. Any modification of this Memorandum must be in writing and signed by both parties.

Signed by:

  
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Dexter McNamara, Tribal Chairman  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Date: 7-17-12

  
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James Tamlyn, Chair  
CCE Central Dispatch Authority

Date: 7/18/12