



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#21-0393

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 4, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving a Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between the
City of Fort Lauderdale and the Sheriff of Broward County, Florida for a City
Forensic Biology/DNA Specialist - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Sheriff of Broward County, Florida for a Forensic Biology/DNA Specialist (formerly Senior Criminalist) to perform duties of Lab Examination (DNA) at the Broward Sheriff's Crime Lab.

Background

On September 16, 2014, the City Commission unanimously approved the creation of a Criminalist I position (CAM #14-1403). The position provided the Fort Lauderdale Police Department its own designated Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Technician who prepares and analyzes chemical and evidentiary samples in the Broward Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory. This allows DNA samples to be tested immediately resulting in faster DNA results allowing the quick apprehension of criminals and the expeditious closing of cases. On April 2020, the position was reclassified to Forensic Biology/DNA Specialist. This MOU replaces the original MOU to reflect the revised classification.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The Forensic Biology/DNA Specialist position is already funded in the FY2020 Budget.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2021 Commission Priority, advancing the Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Memorandum of Understanding

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