

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Columbia County Sheriff's Office
And
Columbia County Board of Education

Whereas, the Sheriff of Columbia County, Clay N. Whittle, and the Superintendent of Schools of the Columbia County Board of Education, Tommy Price, agree to the following Memorandum of Understanding:

1. In the event that the Columbia County Detention Center requires inmates to be evacuated from the facility the Columbia County Board of Education will:
 - a. Supply five (5) to eight (8) county school buses to transport inmates to a designated location(s).
 - b. Supply volunteers possessing a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) to operate the number of buses requested.
2. The Columbia County Board of Education will provide a list of available volunteer drivers to the Sheriff's Office and update that list as needed. This list will include the driver's names and telephone numbers in the event they need to be contacted during other than normal business hours. During normal business hours the Detention Center will contact the Board of Education Transportation Section.
3. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will be responsible to compensate the drivers used in any such emergency at their normal rate of pay. Further the Sheriff's Office will be responsible for personal liability of drivers and any damage to Board of Education property caused by Sheriff's Office staff or inmates.
4. For security reasons, the Deputies assigned to each bus will be in control and in charge of the operations on that bus. Bus drivers will take direction from the Deputy stationed at the front of the bus.
5. The bus drivers will remain with the Deputies assigned to that bus until officially relieved by the Sheriff's Office on-scene Commander. Drivers will be released when it is determined that assistance is no longer required.

Clay N. Whittle, Sheriff
Columbia County Sheriff's Office

Tommy Price
Columbia County Board of Education

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