

## **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

### **Manatee County Sheriff's Office DeSoto County Sheriff's Office Department of Juvenile Justice**

Juvenile Offenders from DeSoto County will be screened for detention by Screeners provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

The following process shall be followed to ensure that this process prevents problems from arising for the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Juvenile Justice and it's screening provider.

The DeSoto Law Enforcement Officers will contact the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Screeners when they arrest a juvenile. The Screener will determine whether or not the offender meets statutory criteria for secure detention placement. If the offender does meet secure detention criteria, the arresting officer will be asked to fax the charging document to the Screener. The Screener will inquire as to the offender's physical and mental health and review the screening forms with the arresting officer. If the Screener determines that the youth will need medical or mental health clearance, the DeSoto officer will be asked to secure such clearance prior to the offender being delivered to Manatee County. Once written clearance is secured and sent to the Screener, the Screener will inform the arresting officer that the offender can be delivered to the Manatee Booking Facility for processing.

If the offender arrives at the Manatee Booking Facility and the Screener determines that the offender is now in need of medical or mental health attention, it will be the responsibility of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Officer to take the offender for this service.

Each Agency will follow their own Chain of Command to resolve any conflicts.

The terms of this Agreement are effective through July 1, 2015. At any time, any party can cancel this agreement with a 30-day notice of cancellation.

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