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§15A-12-4. Memoranda of understanding required.

(a) Each governmental and nongovernmental entity participating in the West Virginia Fusion Center shall enter a memorandum of understanding between the West Virginia Fusion Center and the participating entity. The memorandum of understanding shall at a minimum:

(1) Provide a framework and working mechanism for the organization of the West Virginia Fusion Center to address issues that are common to city, county, state, and federal governments' obligations to protect the safety and well-being of citizens and to enhance the success of the Fusion Center in responding to criminal, terrorist, and other threats to public safety through the achievement of coordination and cooperation;

(2) Clarify the working relationships between the governmental and nongovernmental entities and use limitations of shared information; and

(3) Outline the intent of the parties regarding the information provided by the governmental and non- governmental entities to the West Virginia Fusion Center.

(b) Nothing in any agreement shall obligate any nongovernmental entity to provide information nor establish any duty for any nongovernmental entity to assume any police or law enforcement responsibilities.

(c) Failure of any governmental or nongovernmental entity to abide by the restrictions and use limitations set forth by the West Virginia Fusion Center may result in the suspension or termination of use privileges, discipline sanctions imposed by the user's employing agency, or criminal prosecution.

(d) Any and all interagency memoranda of understanding and participating public or private persons, organizations, entities, or agencies described in this section shall be subject to all restrictions and prohibitions described in this section.

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