

PASSED: December 9, 2024  
BY: Hunt

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A NEW HEROIN TASK FORCE COMMANDER

**WHEREAS**, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies recognize that the heroin overdose death epidemic requires a coordinated response from law enforcement, civic leaders, the medical community and social service agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force was established in early 2015 by the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police for the purpose of investigating all source dealers of heroin that lead to overdoses and overdose deaths, and ultimately prosecute the source dealer on applicable State of Ohio and federal charges, by combining resources among local law enforcement agencies and developing a consistent investigative response to heroin related deaths;

**WHEREAS**, initial financial support for the Task Force was provided by the Hamilton County Commissioners, which has been supplemented by grants and funding from numerous local, state, and federal agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force is staffed by about 10 full-time investigators, assigned from various local law enforcement agencies, such as the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Cincinnati Police Division, Norwood Police Department, Ohio BCI & I, the Ohio State Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration Cincinnati RO and Blue Ash Police Department, and receives support from numerous other law enforcement organizations across Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, Task Force full-time personnel have their base salary and benefits paid for by their parent agency, which also provides vehicles and basic investigative equipment to the officer;

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force is led by a Commander which, while an employee of a local law enforcement agency assigned to the Task Force, has his/her compensation funded by a QRT ("Quick Response Teams") grant so the employer-agency has little or no out-of-pocket expense for the position;

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, the Heroin Task Force Commander position has been filled by Tom Fallon, an employee of Amberley Village, who has announced his retirement in January 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the new Commander is appointed to the Task Force by a steering committee created by the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police (HCACP) which also delegates the Commander's day-to-day duties and responsibilities;

**WHEREAS**, the steering committee has recommended the appointment of Mike Davenport to fill the position of Heroin Task Force Commander. Mr. Davenport is an employee of Amberley Village who has served as the Assistant Commander to the Heroin Task Force for approximately two (2) years;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village is in the honorable position to have the new Commander be an employee of the Village, which will be a new position assigned full-time to the Task Force, with most of the compensation paid by the QRT grant;

**WHEREAS**, the Police and Fire Committee has met to consider appointing Mike Davenport as the Commander of the Task Force within the Village, and recommends approval by Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE** Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1:** The Police Department is authorized to employ Mike Davenport , in addition to and supplemental to any previous authority granted to the Department to hire officers, for the purpose of filling the position of the Commander for the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force. The Commander shall be an employee of the Village, but his or her day-to-day duties and responsibilities will be dictated by the Task Force. The position is a salaried position with such salary or other compensation to be determined by the County. The position will exist only as long as the Task Force or other agency provides funds for the position. The Village will not be responsible for any wages, benefits, pension contributions, or expenses for the Commander position, which will instead be paid from non-Village funds such as a QRT grant or other such funds facilitated by the Task Force. So long as the position as described exists, the Village will support the position with miscellaneous equipment such as a firearm, bullet-proof vest, and all gear associated with the position. Any person filling the position of Commander will not be entitled to carry forward accumulated vacation, sick time, or other leave from another governmental agency.

**SECTION 2:** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the immediate passage of which is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare, and it shall go into effect forthwith. The reason for such emergency is that there is an immediate need to fill the position of Commander for the Task Force, so that the Task Force can continue its work uninterrupted, and any delay may cost the Task Force time and money, and also interfere with its mission of saving lives and prosecuting source dealers.

Passed this 9th day of December, 2024.

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Bob Rosen, Mayor

Attest:

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Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Hunt                      Second: Frankel

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of December 2024, the foregoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designated by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

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Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council