

NORWICH UNIVERSITY RENEWS AGREEMENT FOR A 5-YEAR GIFT TO THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SERVICES

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Norwich University officials announced that the university has renewed a five-year agreement to donate funds to its hometown of Northfield to support public services beginning in 2018.

This is the third such arrangement between the university and the town. On Friday, June 23, 2017, Norwich University President Richard W. Schneider presented a check for \$78,286 to Northfield Police Chief Bill Jennings, Northfield Fire Chief Peter DeMasi and Chief of Ambulance Services Lawton Rutter. The funds were a gift to support public services and includes annual payments as well as university support for procuring certain critical equipment for first responders. The gift was the final installment of a five-year, voluntary arrangement between the university and the town designed to promote excellent “town-gown” relations.

The new agreement increases Norwich’s donation to the town by 150 percent from \$80K in 2017 to \$200K in 2018.

“Norwich University values its relationship with the town of Northfield and appreciates the opportunity to be a part of such a vibrant, wonderful community,” President Richard W. Schneider said.

Under the agreement, which will run from 2018-2022, the Norwich gift is unrestricted to go to the highest priority of the town as determined by the Select Board, with a small portion dedicated to the capital equipment fund for the Fire Department to support the eventual replacement of the aerial ladder truck.

“The Town of Northfield appreciates Norwich University’s support, and the Town looks forward to working with Norwich on future projects and agreements,” Northfield Town Manager Jeff Schulz said.

Along with the financial support to the town, Norwich will continue to be a good neighbor by donating (or offering at discounted rates) facilities and resources to local groups and organizations. This new agreement continues Norwich’s long-standing support of Northfield’s emergency services, infrastructure, and capital projects.