



City Council Report

Date: September 11, 2014
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager
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Subject: Task Force Agreement with Drug Enforcement Administration
(Citywide)

**Strategic
Initiatives**



Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Task Force Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, to accept up to \$69,497 for overtime for officers assigned to the Task Forces.

Background

There is evidence that trafficking in controlled substance pharmaceuticals, chemicals, narcotics and dangerous drugs exist and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people.

Discussion

Under the Task Force Agreement, the Mesa Police Department will provide two detectives for a period of not less than two years. Task Force duties include:

- Disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the State of Arizona by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations.
- Gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs.
- Conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the course of the United States and the State of Arizona.

Alternatives

If these Agreements are declined, the detectives assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Forces will return to duty at the Mesa Police Department. Task Force participation will be terminated and there will be no overtime reimbursement.

Fiscal Impact

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The Drug Enforcement Administration will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Task Force overtime shall not include any costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses. The total anticipated cost for the benefits for two positions is approximately \$13,000 annually. This expense is funded within the Police Department budget.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting the Task Force Agreements with the Drug Enforcement Administration.