



City Council Report

Date: September 22, 2014
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager
From: Frank L. Milstead, Police Chief
Deanna Cantrell, Deputy Chief
Subject: Task Force Agreement with Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations' Los Angeles Field Office Task Force (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 Letter of Agreement with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations' Los Angeles Field Office Task Force, to accept up to \$25,000 for overtime for an officer assigned to the Task Force.

Background

The purpose of this task force is to investigate and assist the U.S. Attorney in prosecuting violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and related criminal statutes.

Discussion

Under the Agreement, the Mesa Police Department will provide an officer from October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Task Force duties include:

- Assist Food and Drug Agency Office of Criminal Investigations Special Agents in criminal investigations.
- Aid in the disruption of illegal activities regarding drug smuggling, seizure of illegal drugs and other areas falling under their jurisdiction.
- Gather and report intelligence related to drug trafficking and activities.

Alternatives

If this Agreement is declined, the officer will continue his current duties within the Mesa Police Department.

Fiscal Impact

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Food and Drug Agency Office of Criminal Investigations, who in turn 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 is approximately \$9,400. This expense is funded within the Police Department budget.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting a Letter of Agreement with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations' Los Angeles Field Office Task Force.