



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 6, 2015  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** John Meza, Police Chief  
Dave Hagar, Commander  
**Subject:** Gila River Indian Community – Emergency Police Services (Citywide)

**Strategic  
Initiatives**



## Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gila River Indian Community. Through the Agreement both parties agree to provide emergency and specialty law enforcement mutual aid.

## Background

The City of Mesa and the Gila River Indian Community have a long history of cooperation involving law enforcement. Because both parties have provided both emergency and specialty law enforcement services, a mutual aid agreement will provide the respective communities with enhanced public safety services; each community will receive good and valuable benefits.

## Discussion

Through the Intergovernmental Agreement, both parties agree to provide emergency and specialty law enforcement mutual aid upon the request of the other party. Each party reserves the right to decline to provide assistance based on the availability of law enforcement resources at the time of request. After an occurrence in which mutual was given, each party shall exchange with the other all reports arising from the occurrence.

**Alternatives**

If the Intergovernmental Agreement is declined, the City of Mesa and the Gila Indian River Community will continue providing emergency and specialty law enforcement services without the benefit of a mutual aid agreement.

**Fiscal Impact**

Each party shall absorb its own costs in support of the Agreement. Each party will pay its own incurred overtime and expenses associated with officers working an occurrence or traveling to testify.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Gila River Indian Community concerning emergency police services.