



City Council Report

Date: September 26, 2016
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: John Meza, Police Chief
Thomas Intrieri, Commander
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 to enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, to assign Mesa Police Officers to the Phoenix DEA Task Forces in exchange for \$35,506 in overtime funding.

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 Local 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 courts of the United States and the State of Arizona.

Alternatives

If this Local Task Force Agreement is 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

The award amount is for \$35,506 for overtime; the cost of the unreimbursed expenses for fringe benefits will amount to approximately \$16,890. Funding for this expense will be absorbed by the Police Department's operating budget.

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.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting the Local Task Force Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.