



City Council Report

Date: August 17, 2026

To: City Council

Through: Ken Cost, Assistant City Manager

From: Dan Butler, Chief of Police
Christina Vangorden, Holding Facility Administrator

Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement for Detention Officer Training Between the City of Mesa and the City of Phoenix (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix to provide detention officer training.

Background

Through an Intergovernmental Agreement, the City of Mesa will train City of Phoenix detention officer trainees in the Mesa Basic Detention Officer Training Academy.

Discussion

Employees of both Parties shall be subject to the same standards for purposes of training and academics. Mesa will regularly communicate with Phoenix on issues that may affect the ability of a Phoenix employee to successfully complete the training program.

Alternatives

Decline the Intergovernmental Agreement. If this proposal is not supported, the current policies and practices of the Department shall be followed regarding training.

Fiscal Impact

Phoenix agrees to provide Phoenix trainees with equipment, uniforms and consumables needed to participate in the Training Academy. Upon reasonable request by Mesa, Phoenix agrees to provide training officers, instructors or administrative assistance. At this time, the Police Department is not collecting any fees from Phoenix to participate.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix.