



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 1, 2021  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ken Cost, Police Chief  
Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Queen Creek  
(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 Town of Queen Creek to accept \$125,000 in funding in exchange for forensic laboratory services provided by the Police Department's Forensic Services Division.

## **Background**

The Mesa Police Department has a dedicated Forensic Services facility and staff which processes evidence related to criminal investigations for the City of Mesa. Mesa is recognized locally and nationally as a model in the application of forensic services in law enforcement. The Town of Queen Creek is requesting forensic laboratory services from the Mesa Police Department.

## **Discussion**

The Town of Queen Creek has requested forensic laboratory services from the Mesa Police Department to include Toxicology, Biology, Controlled Substances, Latent Print Development and Analysis and Fire Debris Analysis. Through the Intergovernmental Agreement, the forensic services provided will be based on the standard working protocols and policies of the Mesa laboratory. Queen Creek will have control of their case priority and the ability to request cases be expedited to meet their public safety mission. The Intergovernmental Agreement will be in effect for five years.

## **Alternatives**

Decline the Intergovernmental Agreement. If this proposal is not supported, the Police Department's Forensic Services Section will continue to provide state-of-the-art forensic analysis consistent with the current model of services.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The Town of Queen Creek will provide funding in the amount of \$125,000 for Fiscal Year 21/22. Going forward, the annual base obligation will be \$175,000. Funding for subsequent years will be determined following a review and evaluation of workload and associated costs of services.

At any time, Mesa or Queen Creek may evaluate the services provided and make financial adjustments based on demand for services.

## **Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Queen Creek.