



City Council Report

Date: December 1, 2025

To: City Council

Through: Ken Cost, Assistant City Manager

From: Dan Butler, Chief of Police
Jason Reno, Commander

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation – Central Arizona Safe Trails Task Force

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to participate in the Central Arizona Safe Trails Task Force (STTF).

Background

In 2016, City Council approved the Police Department's participation in the Southern Arizona Safe Trails Task Force (SAZSTTF); the Task Force has been renamed Central Arizona Safe Trails Task Force (STTF).

The mission of the STTF is to identify and target for prosecution individuals and groups responsible for criminal enterprises, drug trafficking, gangs, and crimes of violence such as murder and aggravated assault, robbery, and abuse of children, as well as to intensely focus on the apprehension of dangerous fugitives where there is or may be a federal investigative interest.

Discussion

The purpose of the MOU is to delineate the responsibilities of Task Force personnel and formalize relationships. The STTF will enhance the effectiveness of federal/state/local law enforcement resources through a well-coordinated initiative seeking the most effective investigative/prosecutive avenues by which to convict and incarcerate dangerous offenders.

Alternatives

Decline the Memorandum of Understanding. If the MOU is declined, the Police Department will not participate in the Task Force and will forfeit the ability to maximize inter-agency cooperation.

Fiscal Impact

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, each party shall bear its own costs in relation to the MOU. Expenditures by each party will be subject to its budgetary processes and to the availability of funds and resources pursuant to applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to participate in the Central Arizona Safe Trails Task Force.