



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 19, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ken Cost, Police Chief  
James McCormick, Commander  
**Subject:** MPD/ATF Task Force Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Citywide

## Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for reimbursement for overtime and other costs for Mesa Police officers working as members of a Joint Operation/Task Force.

## Background

For the last several years, the Mesa Police Department has consistently worked in close partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives through various Task Forces to investigate and prosecute violent criminals. Task Force activities include but are not limited to:

- Disrupt illicit firearm and drug trafficking.
- Gather and report intelligence data relating to armed trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs involved in homicides, shootings, kidnappings, robberies, or related violent crimes.
- Combat firearms violence involved in homicides, shootings, kidnappings, robberies, or related violent crimes.

## Discussion

Through a Memorandum of Agreement, the Police Department will continue to investigate violent criminals with the ATF until September 2027. Task Force participation is directly dependent upon need by ATF and availability of Police personnel.

The Agreement with the ATF provides reimbursement for overtime costs and other costs associated with the Task Force. Staff anticipates an annual maximum reimbursement of \$120,000. However, should the amount of reimbursement exceed \$120,000 during a federal fiscal year, Council approval will be obtained.

**Alternatives**

If the Agreement is not approved, the Mesa Police Department will not participate in any Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Task Force.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Police Department anticipates receiving up to \$120,000 annually for overtime reimbursements.

ATF reimbursement does not include any costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses. Funding for these expenses will be absorbed by the Police Department's operating budget.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.