



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: FBI Greater Phoenix Area Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force - 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 Memorandum of Understanding and Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Greater Phoenix Area Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force and accept up to \$100,000 per year for overtime for Mesa Police Department personnel assigned to the task force.

Background

The mission of the Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (CEHTTF) is to provide a rapid, proactive, and intelligence-driven investigative response to the sexual victimization of children, other crimes against children, and human trafficking within the FBI's jurisdiction; to identify and rescue victims of child exploitation and human trafficking; to reduce the vulnerability of children and adults to sexual exploitation and abuse; to reduce the negative impact of domestic and international parental rights disputes; and to strengthen the capabilities of the FBI and federal, state, local, and international law enforcement through training, intelligence-sharing, technical support, and investigative assistance.

Discussion

Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Mesa Police Department will assist in investigations of defined priority threats of the CEHTTF including but not limited to child abductions, production and manufacturing of child pornography, sextortion, human trafficking including both children and adults, forced labor, and domestic servitude.

Through a Cost Reimbursement Agreement, the CEHTTF shall reimburse the Mesa Police Department for overtime costs associated with the Task Force. 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. Reimbursement is subject to the availability of annually appropriated funds.

Alternatives

If the Memorandum of Understanding and Cost Reimbursement Agreement are not approved, the Mesa Police Department will not participate in the FBI Greater Phoenix Area Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.

Fiscal Impact

The Police Department anticipates receiving up to \$100,000 annually for overtime reimbursements.

The FBI Greater Phoenix Area Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force 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 of the Memorandum of Understanding and Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the FBI Greater Phoenix Area Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.