



Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 2, 2020

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for NIBIN platform

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police and the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between US Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding the use and analysis of an ATF owned NIBIN platform.

## Discussion

The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) consists of microscopic digital images recovered from pieces of ballistic evidence from crime scenes and firearm recoveries that are entered into the Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS).

The utilization of these platforms will allow The Columbia Police Department (CPD) to investigate and discover links between violent crimes by rapidly determining if a piece of recovered ballistic evidence came from a firearm that has been previously used in a crime, and/or a piece of recovered ballistic evidence matches another violent crime.

The utilization of these systems will assist CPD in solving violent crimes in a timely fashion (within 24 hours instead of 3-4 weeks for ballistic evidence returns) and identify shooting subjects before they have the opportunity to re-offend.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Possible increase of secure internet cable/ IT advises infrastructure most likely already exists.

Long-Term Impact: None

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, we recommend authorizing the Chief of Police and the City Manager to sign the MOU between with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Columbia MO Police Department to house and utilize the NIBIN system in order to solve and deter violent crime occurring in the City of Columbia.