



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 16, 2026

Re: Authorization of Terminal Agency Agreement for MULES/NCIC Access

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign a Terminal Agency Agreement to allow Columbia Police Department to access the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) through an Operating Agency. This agreement ensures compliance with state and federal criminal justice information system (CJIS) requirements and enables continued access to critical law enforcement databases.

Discussion

MULES and NCIC are essential law enforcement systems used to access and enter criminal justice information, including warrants, criminal history, and hot file records. The Terminal Agency Agreement establishes formal procedures under which an Operating Agency will perform certain MULES/NCIC transactions on behalf of the Terminal Agency when the Terminal Agency is not authorized for 24/7 independent record entry and inquiry operations.

This agreement is required to meet CJIS Security Policy, NCIC Operating Manual, and MULES Policies and Procedures Manual standards.

This is replacing an existing agreement on file from August 2023 as there have been Department Head changes at both agencies (Boone County Joint Communications and the Columbia Police Department) and a new agreement needs to be on file.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No costs associated with agreement

Long-Term Impact: No cost associated with agreement

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
08/21/23	B192-23: Terminal Agency Agreement

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends that Council authorize execution of the Terminal Agency Agreement for MULES/NCIC access and authorize the appropriate City officials to sign all related documents.