



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Re: Memorandum of Understandings with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations for task force officer.

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) between US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding task force officer assignment and reimbursement for expenses.

## Discussion

The Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), has reached out to the Columbia Police Department to invite a Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Detective to apply for a part time "Task Force Officer" (TFO) position with HSI. HSI Agent(s) have worked with CID Detectives several times in the recent past.

HSI intends to utilize CID Detective to assist in federal investigations involving child exploitation, and human trafficking. This opportunity is a great credit to the Columbia Police Department as many of these types of crimes perpetrated in Columbia have far reaching boundaries in our region of the U.S.

CID Detective's participation as a TFO would greatly assist our Department with investigating crimes of this nature, and ensure the City of Columbia possesses all the tools necessary to prosecute those wishing to perpetrate modern day human trafficking, sex trafficking and other exploitation related investigations in our community.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Agreement provides reimbursement for actual overtime expenses up to \$15,000 per officer per year, no matching required.

Long-Term Impact: If continued, reimbursement for overtime would be handled in the budget processes moving forward.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

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



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## Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

### Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

### Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, staff recommends authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) between US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding task force officer assignment and reimbursement for TFO expenses when assigned to cases that impact federal and local investigations.