



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: Task Force Agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police and the City Manager to sign and enter into an agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding participation in a DEA Task Force.

Discussion

The Columbia Police Department has conducted numerous investigations into the trafficking and distribution of narcotics and dangerous drugs in our community. This illegal activity has substantial and detrimental effects on the livability and safety of the community. The objectives of the task force includes: disrupting the dangerous drug trafficking by immobilizing targeted violators and drug trafficking organizations, gathering intelligence and data related to the trafficking of narcotics and dangerous drugs, and conducting operations and traditional methods of investigations that will result in prosecution in the courts of the State of Missouri and the United States.

Partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration will provide tools and resources to better investigate crimes involving narcotics and dangerous drugs as well as the quality of life crimes associated with illicit drug distribution. The Columbia Police Department has a long history of participating in this task force with the DEA. This partnership has resulted in the apprehension of violent individuals and the seizure of significant amounts of narcotics and dangerous drugs from our community.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. This agreement will provide for reimbursement of overtime funds for the assigned task force officer as well as covering costs related to vehicle use.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, we recommend authorizing the Chief of Police and the City Manager to sign the agreement between with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Columbia MO Police Department to authorize the participation in a task force concerning narcotics and other dangerous drugs in the community and the associated illegal activity.