



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: Resolution for Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding participation in an ATF Task Force.

Discussion

The Columbia Police Department has conducted numerous investigations into illegal use and possession of firearms by prohibited persons as well as violent crimes with firearms. This violence has a significant impact on the safety and livability of our community. The objectives of the Task Force include: investigating firearms related violent crimes, investigating persons possessing firearm who, under existing state law, are prohibited from possessing firearms, as well as collect information and intelligence on shootings and violent persons in our community.

Partnering with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will provide tools and resources to better investigate violent crime and other criminal activity associated with firearms. These investigations can improve safety and quality of life within our community. The Columbia Police Department has a long history of partnering with the ATF, which has resulted in the apprehension of violent criminals and disrupting organized, violent crime occurring in our community.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. The MOU provides for the possibility of reimbursement of overtime funds connected to task force activity.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, we recommend authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign the MOU between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Columbia, MO Police Department authorizing the participation in a task force concerning illegal firearms use and violent gun crimes.