



Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) regarding the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC)

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign and enter into two Memorandum of Understandings between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC).

Discussion

The Columbia Police Department is requesting approval for funding the purchase of the NIBIN Cartridge Cases Acquisition & Triage Package, which would allow members of the Columbia Police Department to directly enter evidence from firearm related crimes into the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosive's (ATF's) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). There is a corresponding council memo outlining the funding and purchase of this equipment.

The use of this equipment will require entering into two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the ATF to furnish the communication lines needed for the manufacturer to provide remote technical support and for networking with the NIBIN System.

The first MOU establishes and defines a partnership between the parties that will result in an ATF National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system installation, operation, and administration for the collection, timely analysis, and dissemination of crime gun data to enhance the efforts of law enforcement to integrate resources to reduce firearms violence, identify shooters, and refer them for prosecution.

The second MOU allows for the ATF to perform correlation review(s) for the NIBIN Partner Site (NPS) ballistic evidence which is entered into the NIBIN database. These correlation reviews will be conducted by the ATF through the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC) and will be disseminated back to the affected parties as documented in this MOU. This MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of each party.

The complete details of these Memorandum of Understandings are attached to this memo.

Attachment #1: NIBIN MOU

Attachment #2: NNCTC MOU



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.
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

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 both MOUs between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Columbia, MO Police Department.