



Department Source: Police  
To: City Council  
From: City Manager & Staff  
Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2023  
Re: MOU- Missouri National Guard

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police and the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Missouri National Guard and the Columbia MO Police Department regarding the use of support of the Missouri National Guard Counterdrug Task Force.

## Discussion

The Counterdrug Task Force provides specialized equipment, facilities and personnel to aid law enforcement and supplies informed personnel to educate school and community organizations. The Counterdrug Task Force leverages its unique assets in three fronts: Providing analytical support to law enforcement to reduce the supply of illicit drugs, providing prevention professionals to communities to aid in reducing the demand for illicit drugs, and providing aviation support to law enforcement to find illicit drugs in the state.

In the last three years, the Columbia Police Department (CPD) has investigated approximately 70 deaths related to the use of narcotics. CPD has also conducted numerous investigations related to the trafficking and distribution of narcotics in our community. The resources provided by the Missouri National Guard Counterdrug Task Force aid CPD in the investigation of these crimes as well as the tragic loss of life resulting from the presence of illegal drugs in our community.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Infrastructure to support the assigned Counterdrug Analyst already exists.  
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



# City of Columbia

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## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, we recommend authorizing the Chief of Police and the City Manager to sign the MOU between the Missouri National Guard ("MONG") and the City of Columbia ("City") to utilize the support of the Missouri National Guard Counterdrug Task Force to aid in the investigation of drug crimes occurring in the City of Columbia as well as fatal overdose investigations and drug demand reduction efforts.