



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION 5041: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARIZONA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Phoenix Police Department (PPD) for participation in the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Background

The PPD is the recipient of a United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant to enforce laws regarding internet crimes against children. PPD utilizes this grant for the purpose of administering and operating an ICAC Task Force in Arizona. PPD manages the Task Force and is the primary grantee for funding. The Glendale Police Department (GPD) has been involved with the Arizona ICAC Task Force for many years and has been receiving ICAC sub-grant awards, funded by the United States Department of Justice, to enhance the ability of the police department to investigate and prosecute offenders of internet crimes against children.

The GPD reviews an average of 60 cyber tips from Arizona ICAC a year. These tips are investigated when substantial information is provided or exists that requires further research and examination. Many of these investigations lead to successful prosecution. The GPD submits quarterly reports to the Arizona ICAC on the cases that have been reviewed and investigated. The partnership with the Arizona ICAC Task Force provides sub-grant funding for the purpose of purchasing necessary equipment needed to properly investigate internet crimes against children, as well as providing free training to investigators, and equipment in some cases.

There is no requirement to provide a member of GPD personnel for the Arizona ICAC Task Force; however, assistance may be requested from GPD on search warrants being served by other Arizona ICAC member agencies. A formal IGA is necessary in order for GPD to continue to be recognized as an affiliate agency and continue to receive ICAC support and sub-grant funding.

Analysis

The purpose of the IGA is to memorialize the agreement between parties to work together to assist the Arizona ICAC Task Force in its efforts to investigate, prosecute, and deter the possession, production, and distribution of unlawful images depicting the sexual exploitation of minors and the utilization of the internet to seek children as sexual victims. If approved, this IGA shall become effective upon the date of the last

signature of the executing parties and will remain in effect for two (2) years. The IGA shall automatically renew itself for two (2) year periods upon agreement of both parties, and will not exceed three (3) renewals.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no cost to the city to enter into this IGA.