



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 5157 NEW SERIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TRIPLE I PARCEL TASK FORCE BY THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Staff Contact: Rick St. John, Interim Police Chief

Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) to continue participation in the "Triple I" (Intelligence, Investigation, Interdiction) Parcel Task Force.

Background

The Glendale Police Department has partnered with the USPIS in the Triple I Parcel Task Force since 2011. The purpose of the task force is to develop a cooperative effort with federal and local law enforcement agencies charged with the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses involving the trafficking of controlled substances and money laundering violations through the mail. Eight other valley agencies also participate in this task force including Avondale, Chandler, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Tolleson. The task force facilitates and maintains communications with participating agencies to maximize the effective use of the task force intelligence and resources.

To incorporate the change of supervisory officer for the USPIS, as well as reaffirm local law enforcement agencies' commitment to facilitate cooperation in the task force, an updated MOU has been prepared by the USPIS. The MOU will establish the terms and conditions under which participating agencies may coordinate investigative efforts with and/or provide assistance to the USPIS in developing investigations and cases for criminal prosecution.

Analysis

The task force conducts coordinated responses to mailings containing controlled substances and/or proceeds from the sales of controlled substances while also identifying drug traffickers utilizing the mail in effort to effect successful prosecution. If Council approves the requested action, the MOU will become effective upon signature of authorized representatives and shall continue in full force and effect until October 31, 2021. The MOU may be renewed for additional ten-year terms upon agreement and written notice by the parties. Staff is requesting Council adopt the proposed resolution and authorize the Police Chief to enter into a MOU with

the USPIS.

Previous Related Council Action

On December 13, 2011, Council adopted a resolution (No. 4530 New Series) authorizing the City Manager to enter into a MOU with the USPIS for participation in the Triple I Parcel Task Force.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Participation in the task force enhances the sharing of information and promotes close cooperation between federal and local law enforcement agencies. The additional knowledge and experience gained by the Glendale Police Department may assist with suppressing the trafficking of controlled substances and money laundering violations within the City. Protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Glendale is an ongoing priority for law enforcement.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no cost to enter into this MOU. The USPIS will pay overtime up to \$15,000 annually, per officer, as the result of task force activities.