



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 5158 NEW SERIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE SHARING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION THROUGH AZLINK.

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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 City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for the sharing law enforcement information through AZLink.

Background

On May 13, 2008, Council approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Phoenix Police Department to connect to the Phoenix CopLink system. The IGA was required to secure the ability to share sensitive and criminal history information, while ensuring the protection of that information. The Phoenix Police Department, in collaboration with MCSO, has consolidated the Phoenix Police Department CopLink node with the MCSO node to design and implement a program known as AZLink. AZLink is a consortium of law enforcement agencies that have agreed to a method of sharing law enforcement and probation information that permits electronic access to this confidential information.

The merger is expected to provide improved service delivery, and multiple other benefits including immediate access to additional databases for the purpose of intelligence collecting, reporting, and crime suppression strategies. The increased node connectivity will enhance the overall system performance for CopLink. Agencies currently participating in the CopLink program with Phoenix Police Department are now required to enter into an MOU with MCSO, as the new host agency, similar to the IGA that was previously required with the City of Phoenix.

The MCSO represents the AZLink Arizona Region (known as the regional agency) and works with the AZLink Eastern Arizona Region to implement standard information sharing practices, policies, procedures, and security. The MCSO is also working with law enforcement agencies in northern, central and southern Arizona to connect these agencies into the AZLink Program.

Analysis

The purpose of the MOU is to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement by increasing information sharing related to crime and criminal activities, while creating joint cooperation between law enforcement and MCSO.

The collaborative relationship described in the MOU is to facilitate sharing of regional law enforcement information among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners. If approved, the MOU will be effective upon signature of each party and will remain in force until either agency provides written notice of its intent to terminate. Staff is requesting Council adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the MOU with the MCSO for the sharing law enforcement information through AZLink.

Previous Related Council Action

On May 13, 2008, Council adopted a resolution (No. 4150 New Series) authorizing the City Manager to enter into an IGA with the City of Phoenix Police Department to connect to the Phoenix CopLink system to share criminal history information.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no cost to the City to enter into this MOU; however, each participating agency is responsible for the cost of acquiring and maintaining the necessary hardware and licensed software to participate in the AZLink system. Glendale Police Department estimates the maintenance for the AZLink system to be similar to proposed CopLink ongoing expenses, set at \$6,773 annually. Funding for the first year costs is available in the approved Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget account listed. The integration of the new AZLink system with the Records Management System (RMS) is estimated to be approximately \$55,500; however, that cost is associated with the new RMS project and the funds to develop the interface have already been budgeted and will be allocated from RMS project designated accounts.

Cost	Fund-Department-Account
\$6,773	1000-12210-521200, PD-Fiscal Management-Office Equip Maintenance

Capital Expense? No

Budgeted? Yes

Requesting Budget or Appropriation Transfer? No

If yes, where will the transfer be taken from?