



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. R17-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD, JOINT COUNTER NARCO-TERRORISM TASK FORCE FOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

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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 with the Arizona National Guard, Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force (JCNTF) to provide support as needed for the Glendale Police Department drug law enforcement operations.

Background

The City has had a MOU in place with the Arizona National Guard JCNTF since 1999. The Arizona National Guard JCNTF, pursuant to 32 U.S.C. 112, provides personnel and equipment to support local law enforcement operations. This MOU sets forth policies, procedures and guidelines agreed to by the Arizona National Guard JCNTF and the Glendale Police Department governing the cooperation and support of drug interdiction efforts of the Glendale Police Department singularly or in concert with multi-agency, federal, state or local efforts. The City most recently entered into a MOU with the Arizona National Guard JCNTF on February 25, 2014 (C-8810). The Arizona National Guard has drafted a new agreement to include some requested revisions to the verbiage for clarification purposes and for improved operations.

Analysis

With the strain on public safety resources limiting drug interdiction efforts, federal law enables state National Guard units to augment local resources. This opportunity allows the Glendale Police Department to extend their capabilities without further burdening budgets and resources. If approved, this MOU is in effect upon signature of both parties and will remain in effect until rescinded, revised or suspected by either party with 30 days written notice or revised in writing by mutual consent. Staff is requesting Council adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the MOU with the Arizona National Guard JCNTF to provide support for Glendale Police Department drug enforcement operations.

Previous Related Council Action

On February 25, 2014, City Council adopted a resolution (No. 4769 New Series) authorizing the City Manager to enter into a MOU with the Arizona National Guard JCNTF to provide support as needed for the Glendale Police Department drug law enforcement operations in the State of Arizona.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Drug activity and associated violence severely impacts every community and its citizenry. When public safety resources are strained, drug interdiction efforts may become limited. Through this collaboration with the Arizona National Guard JCNTF, local resources are augmented and capabilities are extended to support drug law enforcement operations, improving community safety.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no cost to the City to enter into this MOU.