



City Council Report

Date: November 17, 2008
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: George Gascón, Chief of Police
Subject: Agreement between the City of Phoenix and the City of Mesa

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute an Agreement between the City of Phoenix and the City of Mesa. Under this Agreement, funds in the amount of \$35,000 will be provided to purchase radio equipment for the Mesa Police Department's East Valley Fusion Center.

Background

The Mesa Police Department hosts the East Valley Fusion Center. The Fusion Center participants are Mesa, Tempe, Gilbert, Chandler and Scottsdale Police Departments. These agencies provide staff on rotating shifts. In order to have radio contact with each participating agency, an officer from each agency must be physically present and must bring his department issued equipment. However, due to manpower limitations, there are times when an officer from each agency is not present and radio contact is not available.

In June 2008, the Mesa Police Department submitted an application for Homeland Security grant funds to purchase radio equipment for the Fusion Center. This application was declined. This project then was reviewed by the Phoenix Police Department. The Phoenix Police Department agreed to cover the cost of the radios from their own Homeland Security grant funds.

Discussion

The City of Phoenix, as a Grantee of 2007 Homeland Security Grant funds, has designated \$35,000 to be utilized for the purchase of portable radios that will be used to enhance the capability of the investigative resources assigned to the East Valley Fusion Center. The Mesa Police Department will maintain ownership of the radios and will be responsible for disposal.

Fiscal Impact

Reimbursement will be the method of payment. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices for payment. No financial status reports are required.

Alternative

If this Agreement is declined, the Mesa Police Department will not be able to purchase the equipment radio requested. The lack of radios will inhibit effective communication between Fusion Center agencies.

Concurrence

The following staff members concur with the City of Mesa Police Department's recommendation to approve an Agreement between the City of Phoenix and the City of Mesa.



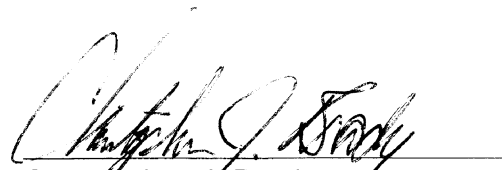
Nancy Sorensen
Police Staff Attorney



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Assistant Chief of Police
Office of Operations



George Gascon
Police Chief



Christopher J. Brady
City Manager

**COPY OF THE AGREEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHOENIX AND THE CITY OF MESA. FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 WILL BE PROVIDED TO PURCHASE RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EAST VALLEY FUSION CENTER.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Phoenix and the City of Mesa. Funds in the amount of \$35,000 will be provided to purchase radio equipment for the Mesa Police Department's East Valley Fusion Center.

Section 2: Authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa, and authorizing the City Clerk to attest to the signature of the City Manager thereon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2008.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK