

DATE: May 3, 2016

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Police

TITLE: Intergovernmental Agreement

Regarding Participation in the Santa

Clara County Specialized

Enforcement Team

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding annually allowing participation in the Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team.

BACKGROUND

The City of Mountain View has participated in the Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team (SCCSET) for several years. The mission of SCCSET is to promote interagency collaboration to prevent, suppress, and combat the impacts of violent and career criminals, major narcotic offenders, human trafficking offenders, criminal organizations, gangs, firearms traffickers, and other significant crimes to increase public safety in Santa Clara County. Other participating agencies include the California Highway Patrol; the police departments of Campbell, Los Gatos, Palo Alto, San Jose, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Santa Clara; and the Santa Clara County Probation Department. A Memorandum of Understanding outlines the rules and responsibilities of each of the participating agencies.

ANALYSIS

The Memorandum of Understanding governs the City's continued participation in this task force. The City has been participating in this task force since 1985, and staff recommends continued participation in the SCCSET. Task force participation provides a regional solution for reducing crime problems like drug trafficking that commonly cross cities' borders. Member agencies contribute officers that, in turn, multiply resources committed to more complex cases, working seamlessly across jurisdictions to maximize effectiveness. It also provides a resource to the City when additional officers are needed to address a crime problem specific to Mountain View. It also provides unique training and experience that Mountain View Police Officers bring back to their duties when they return to the Mountain View Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT

Each agency is responsible for its own personnel costs and the employee costs associated with task force participation is included in the budget. Any potential Workers' Compensation or liability that could be incurred while City personnel are participating in the task force would also be the responsibility of the City.

ALTERNATIVES

The Council could decline to approve this request and direct the Police Department not to participate in SCCSET.

<u>PUBLIC NOTICING</u> – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. 2016 Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team

Memorandum of Understanding