

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of an interagency agreement with the Washington State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (WA ICAC TF) acting through the City of Seattle Police Department.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement to provide for joint participation in a national network of state and local law enforcement cybercrime units.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9590

If approved, effective date: 05/06/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) created the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program, which is a national network of more than 3,500, federal, state, and local law enforcement cybercrime units and prosecutorial agencies. The mission of the national ICAC Task Force Program is to assist state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children. This assistance encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, prevention and community education. Due in large part to the technological aspects of these cases, the ICAC Task Force Program promotes a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency, team approach to investigating and prosecuting ICAC cases.

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) has been designed the “Lead Agency” for the WA ICAC TF and is awarded federal funding to oversee the task force. Under this agreement, the SPD will assist the Bellevue Police Department to increase their computer forensic capabilities and receive appropriate training to investigate internet related cases with the intent to combat crimes related to the sexual exploitation, enticement and victimization of children through the internet, online communication systems, telecommunications technology and other computer technology.

As an “Affiliate Agency” the Bellevue Police Department will assign one investigator to participate in the WA ICAC TF to conduct ICAC investigations. This investigator will receive ICAC Program training and resources to conduct such investigations from the WA ICAC TF.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

RCW 39.34 authorizes the parties to exercise their powers jointly to maximize their ability to provide services to the community. Appropriate action by resolution pursuant to law of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force. Council approval is needed to enter into this interlocal agreement.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an interagency agreement with the Washington State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (WA ICAC TF) acting through the City of Seattle Police Department.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9590

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Interagency Agreement substantially in the form of the final agreement