



Sheriff's Office

COUNTY OF TULARE

AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: January 8, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area High Impact Investigation Team.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between participating agencies to operate the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area High Impact Investigation Team, retroactive to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The effective date is retroactive because the Sheriff's Office did not received the MOU until November 8, 2018.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2018 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign three copies of the MOU.

SUMMARY:

The Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area High Impact Investigation Team (HIIT) promotes coordinated law enforcement efforts towards dismantling drug manufacturing, smuggling and distribution of narcotics in the Central Valley. HIIT will also assist partner agencies with violent crime and gang investigations as it affects Fresno, Tulare and Kings Counties and other surrounding areas in the Central Valley.

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Participating Agencies include:

- Fresno County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff
- California Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, Fresno Regional Office - Special Agent in Charge
- Fresno Police Department – Chief of Police
- Homeland Security Investigations, Fresno Resident Office – Resident Agent in Charge
- California Highway Patrol, Fresno Area Office – Captain
- Kings County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff
- Tulare County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff
- Fresno County District Attorney's Office – District Attorney

This MOU establishes and sets forth the responsibilities, goals, and objectives of participating agencies and also facilitates the transfer of funds for the HIIT program. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office is designated as the fiduciary agency and shall be responsible for receiving and distributing all funds generated by HIIT activity, including all HIIT State and Federal asset forfeiture funds.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Office will assign one experienced Sheriff's Deputy to HIIT under the direct supervision of the HIIT Task Force Commander. Some of the HIIT investigations include dismantling clandestine drug labs, chemicals, and equipment associated with the manufacturing, sales and distribution of narcotics in the Central Valley and interstate transportation of narcotics. The HIIT will target, investigate, and arrest individuals involved in criminal organizations, violent crimes and gang activity.

The agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The MOU is multi-year; 2) The MOU includes a mutual indemnification clause; 3) Any member may withdraw from the MOU at any time; 4) The County signs first.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Each law enforcement agency participating in the HIIT will be responsible to pay the salary and benefits of the deputy assigned to the team; however, subject to the availability of funds, the participating agencies shall be reimbursed for overtime compensation in connection with the HIIT activities.

The current amount of HIIT grant funds available for use during the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020 is \$287,055. This budget allocation is available on a first come first serve basis for use by multiple agencies until the funds are fully expended. Of the funds available to the participating partners, the following are projected amounts by Fiscal Year (FY) for the Tulare County Sheriff's Office:

- \$18,500 is projected for FY 18/19 (July 2018 to June 2019); and
- \$18,700 is projected for FY 19/20 (July 2019 to June 2020).

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The projected amounts fall within the Federal overtime limit of \$18,343.75 per deputy, which is based per calendar year and not per fiscal year. Funds are included in the Sheriff's Office FY 18/19 budget and, if not fully expended during the fiscal year, the remaining amount will be rolled over to the FY 19/20. There is no net County cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to effectively and fairly investigate, arrest, prosecute and punish individuals who engage in criminal behaviors. The MOU supports this initiative by providing a highly trained and mobile specialized enforcement team to prevent drug-trafficking incidents, violent crime, and gang activity.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Mike Boudreaux
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s): Memorandum of Understanding

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