



# Sheriff's Department

## COUNTY OF TULARE

### AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 2, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding with Fresno Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department to participate in the Fresno Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (Fresno ICAC) through January 1, 2011.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign four copies of the MOU.

**SUMMARY:**

The U.S. Department of Justice funds the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant program. The program funds regional collaborations of law enforcement agencies to investigate, apprehend and prosecute sexual predators who use the Internet to exploit children. Locally, the Fresno ICAC program is funded through the federal ICAC grant program.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Department has operated the Tulare County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) program since spring 2007 with funding from the California Emergency Management Agency. The SAFE team is composed of Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office and non-profit Family Services of Tulare County. The team enforces mandated registration requirements on sexual

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offenders, investigates sexual crimes, and educates the public on how to avoid being a victim of a sexual offender. The SAFE team also conducts investigations of sexual offenders that use the Internet to prey on unsuspecting youth.

The attached MOU delineates responsibilities of the Fresno ICAC Task Force, maximizes inter-agency cooperation, and formalizes relationships between members agencies. By joining Fresno ICAC, the County of Tulare will receive free training for the SAFE team. This training will significantly enhance the team's Internet investigations of sexual predators. SAFE also will benefit by sharing information on sexual offenders with other law enforcement members of Fresno ICAC. The information exchange should lead to enhanced investigative efficiency by both SAFE and Fresno ICAC task forces.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The County of Tulare will not receive any funds as a result of joining the Fresno Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. However, the Fresno ICAC will provide free training to the Sheriff's Department.

There will be no net County cost as a result of participating in the Fresno ICAC.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The Tulare County Strategic Business Plan includes a Security and Safety Initiative. Participating in the Fresno ICAC program will allow the Sheriff's Department to more efficiently operate its Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) program, thereby lessening the danger posed to Tulare County residents by sexual offenders.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

County Counsel has reviewed the attached Memorandum of Understanding and approved the document as to form.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Bill Wittman  
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: Auditor/Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding

**IN THE MATTER OF** Memorandum )  
of Understanding with Fresno Internet ) **RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
Crimes Against Children Task Force ) **AGREEMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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