



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [8/15/2016]
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [NA]

Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2016
To: Sylvia Carrillo, City Manager
From: Chief Eric Blanchard
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Agenda Item #:

Title: Renew MOU between Aransas Pass Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

CAPTION:

Consider and act on approving the Chief of Police to renew the Task Force Agreement between the Aransas Pass Police Department and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

PURPOSE:

The police department provides two detectives to the DEA for large scale drug investigations which directly impact the Coastal Bend and our community. These officers (TFO's) work primarily with the DEA but also occasionally run local narcotics investigations, with the use of federal resources and tools.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Aransas Pass PD has provided two TFO's to the DEA since 2005. The TFO's assist the feds in handling major drug cases that have an affect on Texas and local communities in the Coastal Bend, including Aransas Pass. In return, the Aransas Pass PD receives forfeited assets and equipment from case seizures. To date, Aransas Pass PD has received several seized assets which we have put into official use including TV's, vehicles, trailers, and a travel trailer. In addition, Aransas Pass PD has also received

approximately 1.5 million dollars in cash seizures, which has been used to purchase new equipment and police investigative supplies/tools. Currently, the TFO's have over 2 million in assets seized and pending forfeiture. These positions do more than pay for themselves, they allow our local PD access to many of the resources of the Federal Government for other criminal investigations.

EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY:

Not an emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015	Manpower Cost	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget	\$174,483.60			
Fed OT Reimbursement	\$35,506.00			
Expense to City after Reimbursement	\$138,977.60			

Fund(s): General Fund

Comments: The Feds cover the expense of fuel on the TFO's assigned vehicles. Further, when the feds depend on other city staff for federal investigations, they reimburse the city for those staffers' OT as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend approval of this contract renewal.

ALTERNATIVES:

Issue 30 day notice intending to terminate cooperative agreement.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

DEA Agreement