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Agenda Item No. 76

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-047

Submitted by: Dale Patch, Acting Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Des Moines and Polk County, Iowa supporting the Metro Special Tactics and Response (S.T.A.R.) Team

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Des Moines and Polk County, Iowa to recognize the joint operation of the Metro S.T.A.R. Team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,244,701

Funding Source: FY08 Recommended Operating Budget, GE001, POL101300, page 278

Each jurisdiction and agency will continue to provide equipment, staffing and support resources by funding their respective portion of their agencies operating and capital improvement program budgets, to sustain the operation of the Metro S.T.A.R. Team. Each jurisdiction or agency may also be eligible for reimbursement of their respective expenses from state or federal activations in time of crisis or disaster response.

The City of Des Moines and Polk County may also work cooperatively to enter into additional memorandums of understanding, agreements or grant programs to receive additional support and funding to sustain and enhance the operation of the Metro S.T.A.R. Team.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines and Polk County signed a Joint Resolution on May 02, 2005, requesting the Chief of Police and Polk County Sheriff work together cooperatively to; seek innovations, improve services, maximize resources and engage with the State and other governments to look to the future of providing law enforcement services in our communities.

In response to the Joint Resolution, the Des Moines Police Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office consolidated their respective tactical teams under a joint command structure with the creation of the Metro S.T.A.R. Team. This effort was done in recognition of providing better service to taxpayers, to meet the increasing demands placed on tactical units with respect to the requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), to work together with Polk County on the complex issue of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Homeland Security.

Metro S.T.A.R. evolved under the guidance of both the Chief of Police and Sheriff through a number of significant changes. The creation of the Metro S.T.A.R. Team required a reorganization of both programs to reflect the new joint operations, to include; a number of policy changes, revised operating protocols and procedures, a composite of agency standards, qualifications and training programs, and several changes in personnel staffing.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 05, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1084

Action: Joint Resolution, whereby the City of Des Moines and Polk County, requested the Chief of Police and Polk County Sheriff, work together cooperatively to seek innovations, improve services, maximize resources and engage with the State and other governments to look to the future of providing law enforcement services in our communities. Moved by Vlassis for the City of Des Moines to adopt, Motion Carried 7-0. Moved by Connelly and seconded by Brownell for Polk County to adopt, Motion Carried 5-0.

Date: August 08, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1925

Action: Resolution, whereby the City of Des Moines adopted the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to assist managers and responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines, to work together more effectively to handle emergencies and disasters. (Council Communication 05-433) Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 07, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2722

Action: Resolution whereby the City of Des Moines accepted Sub-grantee and Fiscal Agent responsibilities from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the administration of the FY 2004 and FY 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds to develop Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) and Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs. (Council Communication 05-630) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 08, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-081

Action: Resolution whereby the City of Des Moines accepted Sub-grantee and Fiscal Agent responsibilities from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for the administration of the FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds for Iowa's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Detection, Bomb Squad (EOD) and Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs. (Council Communication 07-008) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The Police Department and Sheriff's Office will continue to jointly operate the Metro S.T.A.R. Team in the same spirit of cooperation that allowed its creation. Metro S.T.A.R. will work cooperatively with area law enforcement agencies to support operational activities and identify additional ways to create efficiencies for all jurisdictions and agencies.

The Metro S.T.A.R. Team will also continue to meet with representatives of Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division to implement and share in the federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds for Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program.