



Legislation Text

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Title

Assignment of one (1) sworn police officer to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force, Chicago Division-Approval

History

The Police Department is requesting permission to assign one (1) sworn officer to the DEA as a task force officer for a minimum of two (2) years. The selected officer will be assigned to assist with investigating local, regional, national, and international drug trafficking organizations while assigned to the Chicago Division of the DEA.

Since 2010, the Orland Park Police Department has responded to and investigated 112 opioid related overdoses and 35 drug related deaths. Joining the DEA Task Force will allow the department to combat the opioid epidemic in a more effective way utilizing both local and federal resources. If approved by the board, the designated officer would tentatively begin the assignment prior to the end of 2020.

The approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement would enable the Orland Park Police Department to become a member of the DEA's Provisional State and Local Government Task Force. The DEA has over 2,000 state and local police officers assigned to DEA task forces nationwide. The Orland Park Police Department would assign one police officers to the local DEA task force to assist in combating the drug trade in the region. DEA Task Force Officers continue to function as local investigators, working for and meeting the needs of the Orland Park Police Department's mission, but with the following added benefits:

- Federal drug agent deputization
- Larger community impact
- Complex criminal investigations
- Shared manpower force-multiplier
- Multiple prosecution venues
- Combined intelligence resources
- Utilization of DEA's global resources
- No cost DEA training and travel
- Equitable sharing of asset seizures

Financial Impact

The financial impact includes the reassignment of one (1) sworn officer to the DEA Task Force with the annual salary and benefits paid by the Village of Orland Park. The DEA, subject to availability of funds, will reimburse the department for overtime; however, it will not include any costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses.

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve authorizing the assignment of one (1) sworn Orland Park police officer to the DEA

Task Force for a minimum of (2) two years.

And,

To authorize the Village Manager to execute the DEA Program-Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement.