



Legislation Text

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Tyler Brown, Sheriff

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Subject:

DEA Enforcement Group 2 Task Force Agreement

Purpose and Request:

The Sheriff's Office requests the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign an Agreement for the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to appoint a Deputy Sheriff to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Enforcement Group 2 (Drug Interdiction Taskforce)

Background and Discussion: The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, like all law enforcement agencies continues to battle the introduction of illegal controlled substances into our society. Interstate 25 travels through Arapahoe County and is a direct pipeline for illegal controlled substances from the southern border of the United States. In addition, Interstate 70 is a major thoroughfare that also transverses Arapahoe County and facilitates the transportation of illegal controlled substances to other states. Centennial Airport is one of the busiest general aviation facilities in the United States. The central location of the airport to the Denver metro area along with no landing or takeoff fees make the airport a prime location for the transportation of illegal controlled substances. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is requesting the BoCC to approve the Agreement to allow the appointment of a Deputy Sheriff onto the DEA Enforcement Group 2 (Drug Interdiction Taskforce) to facilitate illegal drug interdiction investigations to intercept illegal controlled substances before they are introduced into our community. The Arapahoe County Narcotics Team is being merged with the Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit to more efficiently address criminal activity relating to illegal controlled substances, vice activities, gang activity, pattern criminal activity and intelligence functions. The merger of the two teams will be a force multiplier since these types of criminal acts and investigations relate to one another for the most part. By merging the teams for efficiency, a position will be allotted to the DEA Interdiction Taskforce with no increase in FTE's.

Alternatives: Taking no action will cause the Sheriff's Office to retain the FTE and leave it assigned to the Special Investigations Unit.

Fiscal Impact: There are no additional costs as a result of this amendment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ Be fiscally sustainable
- ☐ Provide essential and mandated service
- ☒ Be community focused

Concurrence: The Sheriff's Office Administration and the Public Safety Bureau are in concurrence with this recommendation.

Resolution: Attach a copy of the draft resolution.