



## REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 5/6/2025  
Agenda Section: Consent  
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**Department** Police  
**Origination:**

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**Agenda Item:** Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force

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**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

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### **BACKGROUND**

In 2017 and 2020, the Police Department entered into the same JPA as being requested at this time. This renewal is exactly the same as the 2020 JPA which is a five (5) year agreement.

The BCA led Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF) works in partnership with criminal justice agencies and victim-survivor service providers across the state to prevent, educate and investigate human trafficking (sex and labor) crimes.

The Task Force includes local, state and federal law enforcement and prosecution partners who identify and investigate incidents of human trafficking and aid in the prosecution of those who commit such crimes.

We were contacted in 2017 due to our involvement and success in addressing these issues in our area.

As an affiliate, we would send an officer to attend meetings of the group and to be available should an investigation need to be conducted in our area. Attending the meetings over the years has not been a big commitment at all. Often, we are able to participate via online meetings.

As an affiliate, we are eligible for reimbursement of overtime costs as they relate to these specific investigations. Baxter Officers are also able to attend valuable training courses related to human trafficking which can assist in any future investigations that may occur in Baxter.

There are no additional requirements other than paperwork submissions related to reimbursement requests.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial impact other than possible reimbursement for overtime costs incurred related to human trafficking investigations.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends renewal of the JPA with the MN BCA to maintain our partnership on the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the MN BCA and the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force.