



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	FEBRUARY 9, 2026

ITEM:	Authorize an Updated JPA with the MN BCA for the Violent Crime Reduction Unit (VCRU)		
<i>Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich – City Manager</i>			
DEPARTMENT: Police		BY/DATE: Deputy Chief Erik Johnston / February 3, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
_ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		_ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_ High Quality Public Spaces		_ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
X Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		_ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The Columbia Heights Police Department has partnered with the State of MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to staff an officer in the Violent Crime Reduction Unit (VCRU) since 2024. This position is reimbursed by the State of MN, and the focus of the unit is on gun and violent crime reduction.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The BCA has issued the attached updated agreement which represents minor administrative changes to include billing procedures and capping overtime reimbursement at \$21,000 per fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of the agreement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to enter into the attached updated agreement with the MN BCA for participation in the VCRU.

ATTACHMENT(S)

2025 Columbia Heights PD- BCA Violent Crime Reduction Unit JPA