



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** February 28, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to participate in the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program

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### **BACKGROUND:**

CDC's National Center for Health Statistics indicate that there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 12-month period ending in April 2021, an increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before.

Minnesota Department of Health reports 427 opioid overdose deaths in 2019 and then 678 deaths in 2020. This reflects a drastic spike of 38% increase of Minnesotans dying as a result of opioid overdose.

Limited statistical data is available for opioid specific overdoses locally for the same period, however, Itasca opioid overdose rate per 1,000 was .8 which was higher than the state rate of .7 in 2017.

The Police Department is interested in joining the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force to allow reimbursement for overtime associated with heroin or prescription opioid investigations with a nexus to Indian Country or any opioid overdose death.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to participate in the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force