

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	December 14, 2023
Originating Department	Police Department
Contact Person	Mike Harden, Chief of Police
Title	Resolution 23-1934/Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interagency Agreement with the Seattle Police Department for the Washington Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Legislative History

- Resolution 1566 in 2016
- Resolution 1689 in 2018
- Resolution 1721 in 2019

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution 23-1934
- 2. Revised Interagency Agreement for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Executive Summary

The Lake Forest Park Police Department has maintained an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force since 2016. The Lake Forest Park Police Department has amended the previous Interagency Agreement to reflect the agreement between the current listed Chiefs of Police; Chief Mike Harden (Lake Forest Park PD) and Chief Adrian Diaz (Seattle PD). Chief Harden also wishes to memorialize in this resolution the commitment to child safety by assigning two part-time investigators and a supervisor to assist the WA ICAC TF.

Background

The ICAC program was originally developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers with internet access, the proliferation of child pornography, and the targeting of vulnerable underage populations by sexual predators. The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) created a national network of state and local law enforcement

cyber-investigative units to investigate cases of child sexual exploitation, which resulted in the creation of the ICAC task force program.

The Seattle Police Department is the lead agency for the Washington State ICAC Task Force. The task force is made up of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working to identify, arrest and convict those individuals who victimize children and adolescents by way of the internet, and to provide victim and family support resources and resource referrals.

The attached amended Interagency Agreement reflects the current leadership for both involved agencies (Lake Forest Park PD and Seattle PD). The amended Interagency Agreement also reflects an Effective Date of December 15, 2023, with a renewal date of October 1, 2024, and then renewing every three years from this date, which is based upon the current grant resource funding guidelines for the WA ICAC TF.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

Upon the signing of this Interagency Agreement, the Lake Forest Park Police Department shall implement a policy delineating the responsibilities and commitments of its investigators and supervisors assigned to WA ICAC TF. Those responsibilities and commitments shall be consistent with those specified in the Interagency Agreement.

Alternatives

Adopt or not the Resolution authorizing the Interagency Agreement

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution 23-1934/Authorizing the Mayor to sign the REVISED Interagency Agreement with the regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, led by the Seattle Police Department.