
Meeting Date: April 14, 2025

Subject: FBI Task Force Memorandum of Understanding

Attachments: Resolution 2025-19; FBI Task Force MOU; FBI Task Force Cost Reimbursement Agreement

Presented by: Joseph Mehline, Public Safety Director of Police & Fire

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, City Manager

Discussion:

The FBI Task Force memorandum of understanding allows the City of Toppenish Publics Safety Division of Police and Fire (TPD) to assign an officer to participate in the Southeast Washington Safe Streets Task Force (SSFT), a collaboration led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

The SSFT focuses on identifying and dismantling violent criminal enterprises involved in drug trafficking, gang activity, money laundering, and other major crimes affecting public safety throughout the region. Participation in the task force will strengthen interagency collaboration, improve resource sharing, and provide the department with access to enhanced investigative tools and support. Our assigned officers will participate on a part-time basis, splitting their time between detective duties and SSTF responsibilities.

Fiscal Impact: None; Salary expenses will be reimbursed

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2025-19, authorizing the city manager to sign the MOU with the FBI Southeast Washington Safe Streets Task Force and the Cost Reimbursement Agreement.

Alternatives: 1) Do not adopt. 2) Forward to Study Session for further review.