



CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 6

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 12, 2016

Subject: Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Police Services

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Attachment(s):

None.

Initiated by:

Staff

Fiscal Impact:

None. Each city is responsible for its respective personnel and equipment costs associated with the agreement. This includes any potential workers compensation or liability claims, which might arise from training or operational activation.

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

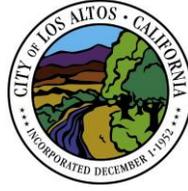
Should Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Police Services between the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View?

Summary:

- Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams for the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View currently train and deploy together during critical incidents and high risk operations.
- The Cities seek to establish a formal agreement for these shared services in the furtherance of enhanced emergency preparedness and community safety.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Police Services



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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide background and analysis regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Police Services between the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View.

Background

The Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View have a long-standing relationship in sharing police resources, including day-to-day operations, joint training and activation of the Cities' respective SWAT teams. The Cities now recognize the need for a formal agreement. The proposed agreement establishes the framework for cooperative police efforts, including a regional response team to provide resources for critical incidents and training exercises.

Discussion/Analysis

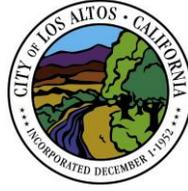
Currently, the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View work together in a standard mutual aid capacity on a day-to-day basis. Los Altos and Mountain View, along with Palo Alto, also share a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system which provides those agencies with enhanced capabilities in community safety and emergency preparedness.

The Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View SWAT teams (hereinafter referred to as the "Regional Team") currently share police resources and actively train and deploy together on a routine basis. This enables both Cities to deliver these services more cost effectively and with enhanced capabilities, including the availability of shared personnel and equipment resources, otherwise not available. Established standards require all Regional Team members to receive POST (*Peace Officer Standards in Training*) certified training prior to participating in SWAT activations. Each member of the Regional Team is required to complete physical fitness and firearms qualifications biannually.

Though the Cities train and deploy simultaneously, each maintains its own leadership structure according to the agency's respective policy and procedure. This allows the agency of jurisdiction for each incident to remain autonomous in decision making. For example, if an event is occurring in the City of Los Altos, the leadership from the Los Altos Police Department will be the Incident Commander and has complete control over the incident, including tactical operations. Likewise, if the event takes place in Mountain View, their department leadership maintains control over the incident.

Should either city have a need for a Regional Team activation, the Incident Commander for the agency of jurisdiction will contact the SWAT Tactical Commander who will, in turn, consult with the Tactical Commander for the partner jurisdiction. The Regional Team activation requires agreement from both jurisdictions for all tactical operations.

Personnel in positions of leadership, with each component of the Regional Team, receive POST certified training for SWAT team leadership skills. The Regional Team maintains a shared annual training matrix to ensure minimum individual and team mission capabilities are met.



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The Cities desire to continue this coordinated relationship and request the authority to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Police Services, inclusive of both jurisdictions. Accordingly, an Intergovernmental Agreement was prepared and has been reviewed by staff from both cities.

The Mountain View City Council unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Police Services on May 26, 2016.

Options

- 1) Approve the Intergovernmental agreement between the City of Los Altos and the City of Mountain View.

Advantages:

The City of Los Altos would benefit from the availability of enhanced resources, including personnel and specialized equipment, providing mission readiness capabilities beyond the City's available preparedness levels. This agreement would enhance emergency preparedness, leading to improved community safety.

Disadvantages:

None identified

- 2) Decline to approve the Intergovernmental agreement between the City of Los Altos and the City of Mountain View.

Advantages:

None identified

Disadvantages:

The City would cease to have additional personnel and specialized equipment resources, which are currently available for emergency operations. Staff would need to consider whether current personnel and resources are sufficient to maintain a SWAT team. This would likely result in costs associated with the purchase of specialized equipment, as well as the consideration of additional personnel and associated training costs.

Recommendation

The staff recommends Option 1.