



**Board Summary Report**

**Date:** February 20, 2020

**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Tyler Brown, Sheriff

**From:** Jared Rowilson, Investigations Captain

**Subject:** 2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Cost Reimbursement Agreement between Arapahoe County and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)

**Request and Recommendation**

The Sheriff’s Office requests the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Sheriff to sign the OCDETF Memorandum of Understanding, and corresponding Cost Reimbursement Agreement between the FBI and Arapahoe County. The agreement establishes the responsibilities of both the Arapahoe County Sheriff and the FBI.

**Background**

The mission of OCDETF is to conduct collaborative criminal and financial investigations to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the command and control structure of the largest, most complex, violent, Transnational Criminal Organizations, to include major international and interstate drug transportation organizations and their associated subsidiary organizations such as street gangs and other criminal racketeering organizations, operating in and through the Mountain West region of the United States, as well as throughout the United States and abroad.

Pursuant to Congressional appropriations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) receives authority to pay overtime for police officers assigned to the formalized Denver OCDETF Strike Force Group II, as set forth below, for expenses necessary for detection, investigation, and prosecution of crimes against the United States.

**Links to Align Arapahoe**

Service First, Quality of Life – Community Safety and Fiscal Responsibility

**Discussion**

Participation in this task force will provide the Sheriff’s Office expanded access to federal resources when investigations in Arapahoe County grow beyond current capabilities due to complexity, breadth of a criminal organization, or limited resources. The Sheriff’s Office will assign current investigator position assigned to the Narcotics Team to this task force.

Commencing upon execution of the Cost Reimbursement Agreement, the FBI will, subject to availability of required funding, reimburse Arapahoe County for overtime payments made to officers assigned to and working full time on Denver OCDEF Strike Force Group II related matters.

**Alternatives**

The alternative is to not participate in the Task Force.

**Fiscal Impact**

None.

**Concurrence**

The Sheriff's Office Administration and Public Safety Bureau are in concurrence with this decision.

**Attorney Comments**

**Reviewed By**

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