



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE REGARDING GANG PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION SERVICES

DATE: May 4, 2007

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT/ FIELD OPERATIONS

PRESENTATION BY: LIEUTENANT DALE BIRNEY

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RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is requested to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to renew the contractual agreement with the County of Orange for the services of one Gang Prevention and Suppression Officer (Deputy Probation Officer).

BACKGROUND:

In 1994 the City of Costa Mesa entered into an agreement with the County of Orange relating to gang enforcement and suppression strategies. At that time the TARGET (Tri-agency Resource Gang Enforcement) Team strategy was implemented with the Police Department and representatives from the District Attorneys Office and Orange County Probation. As part of this agreement, a Gang Probation Officer was assigned to work with the Costa Mesa Police Department Gang Unit. Over the next several years, the TARGET enforcement philosophy proved to be an effective deterrent. The direct oversight provided by a Deputy Probation Officer on local gang members was a significant enforcement tool.

In January 2007, the contractual agreement was completed, and a Deputy Probation Officer was assigned to work directly with the Costa Mesa Police Department Gang Unit.

ANALYSIS:

During the 2006 calendar year, and prior to the Probation Officer being assigned to the Police Department, the Costa Mesa Police Department Gang Unit investigated seven gang-related shooting incidents. Since January 2007, the Gang Unit has investigated one gang-related shooting incident. The Probation Officer has a current caseload of 42 gang members. Since January 16, 2007, he has made 32 arrests for violations of probation terms. He is averaging 22–25 home visits per week. The addition of a Deputy Probation Officer to the Costa Mesa Gang Unit has enhanced the ability of officers to monitor gang member activity.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

None

FISCAL REVIEW:

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 was \$110,000 for the Orange County Probation Officer. Should the City Council agree to renew the Gang Prevention and Suppression Contract, the proposed budget would be increased by \$16,927.00.

Funding for this agreement is included in the 2007-2008 fiscal year adopted budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the documents and approved them as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The inclusion of a Deputy Probation Officer to assist officers assigned to the Gang Unit has enhanced the ability of the Police Department to maintain contact with gang members with probation terms and take necessary enforcement actions against current gang members.

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