



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

# C-17

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Chief of Police

September 20, 2005

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City of Long Beach  
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### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments between the City of Long Beach and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for participation in the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

In 1992, a one-dollar vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered in Los Angeles County was imposed with the implementation of Vehicle Code Section 9250.14. In April 2004, passage of Assembly Bill 1663 extended the provisions of this section until January 1, 2010. The revenue generated is designated for use in deterrence, investigation and prosecution of vehicle thefts in Los Angeles County.

The Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) has operated in and around the city of Long Beach for the purpose of integrating investigative and prosecutorial resources to address the expanding vehicle theft problem in Los Angeles County. The mission of TRAP is to promote a coordinated effort and encourage maximum cooperation between all law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in Los Angeles County, to deter and reduce the incidents of vehicle theft, increase the recovery rate of stolen vehicles and identify trends and patterns in vehicle theft.

The Long Beach Police Department has participated in the TRAP since 1992 by providing one sergeant and one detective to the task force. Previous participation was handled informally with no agreement required. A formal agreement process is being instituted at this time.

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The term of the agreement shall be for a period of five years. Either agency may terminate the agreement with sixty (60) days' written notice to the other participating agency.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on August 11, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 15, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on September 20, 2005 to expedite the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for participation in TRAP. The Police Department will be fully reimbursed for all loaded labor and overtime costs for one sergeant and one investigator.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:

  
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CITY MANAGER

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