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Chief of Police

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Long Beach and the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, for Participation in the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force, Long Beach Airport Narcotics Enforcement Team (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department has actively participated in the California Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement (BNE), Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT) program since February 1997.

L.A. IMPACT has created a Long Beach Airport Narcotics Enforcement Team (LBNET), which will operate as a sub-division of the task force. LBNET was formed to coordinate narcotic interdiction efforts at the Long Beach Airport, local parcel companies and bus companies and to facilitate cooperation between all law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. Technology-based methodology for mid-range and long-term investigations involving narcotics traffickers and their criminal enterprises will be the focus. LBNET will support the City of Long Beach and other local jurisdictions throughout Southern California.

The Drug Enforcement Agency, DOJ, BNE and local law enforcement agencies have determined mid-level and major drug organizations use commercial air travel to transport drugs and drug proceeds throughout the United States. Since the air traffic security increase after September 11, 2001, there has also been a noted increase in parcel and bus companies being utilized by drug organizations for transporting drugs and drug proceeds.

An agreement is needed to commit the participation of one Long Beach Police Sergeant and one Long Beach Police Detective to the L.A. IMPACT team pursuant to the MOU. The Sergeant will provide supervision to the LBNET team, comprised of the one Long Beach Police Detective and three detectives from other local agencies, who will conduct narcotic interdiction efforts at the Long Beach Airport as well as at parcel and bus companies within and surrounding the city of Long Beach. The term of the agreement shall be for a period of

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three years from the date of execution of the agreement; either party may terminate the agreement with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 13, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on September 21, 2004 to expedite the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs for the Police Sergeant and Detective are currently in the Police Department FY 04 and adopted FY 05 General Fund budgets. No budget appropriation increase is necessary. The Department will pay all regular budgeted salary and fringe benefit costs. The BNE will reimburse overtime costs and stand-by time associated with this program, as well as contribute \$5,000 per individual toward salaries and benefits on a quarterly basis. As the \$5,000 quarterly reimbursement is unbudgeted, this will have positive impact on the General Fund. The Department may need to request a budget increase in the future associated with the BNE covering overtime expenses.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, for participation in the Long Beach Narcotic Enforcement Team of L.A. IMPACT. The term shall be for a period of three years and either party may terminate the agreement with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

Respectfully submitted,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

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