

CITY OF LONG BEACH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Jim McDonnell
Chief of Police

November 13, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments with Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., for Sexual Assault Response Team services for a period of one year, in the amount of \$120,000, with the option for two additional one-year extension periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City has contracted with Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., since July 1994 to provide medical examinations, evidence collection, and treatment for victims of sexual assault. They also provide expert testimony during criminal proceedings. The 24-hour service provided by Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., has been excellent and provided at a reasonable cost. There are currently no other vendors in the area that provide this type of service.

This is a mandatory expense; failure to provide a victim of sexual assault with an examination by a qualified healthcare professional, hospital, or other emergency medical facility would be a violation of the California Penal Code.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson on October 15, 2012 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 23, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the critical nature of this service and in order to prevent any interruptions, City Council action on this matter is requested on November 13, 2012.

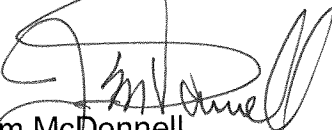
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are budgeted in the General Fund (GP) in the Police Department (PD) to support this agreement. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim McDonnell
CHIEF OF POLICE

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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER