

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 24, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 9, 2015

Subject: Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the City of St Paul / St Paul Police Department
District(s), Member(s): District 13 – Kramer and District 14 - Commers
Policy/Legal Reference: N/A
Staff Prepared/Presented: John M Harrington, Chief of Police, (612) 349-7201
Division/Department: Metro Transit Police

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the mutual aid agreement between the Metropolitan Council / Metro Transit Police Department and the City of St Paul / St Paul Police Department

Background

This Joint and Cooperative agreement for use of law enforcement personnel and equipment (“Agreement”) is to provide a means by which a party to this agreement may request and obtain law enforcement assistance from another agency when any agency deems such law enforcement assistance necessary.

Participating agencies can utilize the resources for many reasons including routine circumstances such as training efforts and back-up patrol service. Additional reasons may include emergency response such as a critical incident or unplanned active shooter event. This agreement provides flexibility for both agencies to use the resources located among all participating parties.

Rationale

Both jurisdictions may withhold resources to provide reasonable protection and service within its own jurisdiction and any equipment shall remain under the control of the providing party but shall be under the operational control of an incident commander during an incident.

The terms of this agreement shall be executed through December 31, 2022. Either party may withdraw from this agreement without cause upon a thirty (30) day written notice.

Funding

Participating in this mutual aid agreement will specifically allow us to select the agencies and resources that best meet our needs in any given situation. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for their own deployment costs to include salary, equipment, supplies and related expenses.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of St Paul / St Paul Police Department and Chief Thomas Smith support this agreement.

There is no known opposition.