

Legislation Text

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Memorandum of Understanding between the Alachua County Sheriff and the Gainesville Police Department and University of Florida Police Department for a Combined Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force (B)

This item requests City Commission authorization for the Gainesville Police Department to enter into Memorandum of Understanding for a Combined Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force with Alachua County Sheriff, Gainesville Police Department and the University of Florida Police Department.

The Gainesville Police Department has been a part of the Combined Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force and desires to continue to participate in this endeavor. The Sheriff's Office, GPD, and UPD wish to assign personnel to the Combined Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force for the purpose of investigating illegal narcotics and organized criminal activity. This agreement would take effect January 1, 2013 and continue until December 31, 2016.

The Combined Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force shares costs and resources. The participating agencies shall provide officers on a full time basis for a minimum assignment period of one year. The Gainesville Police Department will have three personnel assigned. The HIDTA program will reimburse officers overtime for cases they work subject to funding from ONDCP. The reimbursement of overtime costs will be at the rate of 1 ½ times of the hourly rate of state/local officer, up to a maximum rate per fiscal year of \$17,725. Assets seized will be shared equitably among the agencies based upon the agency's contribution and participation.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gainesville Police Department, Alachua County Sheriff's Office and University of Police Department's subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.