



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Multi-Agency Combined Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement Special Case Response and Management Team for law enforcement services, which shall become effective and shall be ongoing as to the executing Parties upon execution by the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and any additional Party or Parties, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

Mutual aid agreements among law enforcement agencies are authorized by Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, for rendering voluntary assistance of a routine law enforcement nature to one another across jurisdictional lines by and between such agencies to such lawful activities and to enter into an operational assistance agreement whereby each agency may request and render law enforcement assistance to the other law enforcement agencies during emergencies under s.252.34, Florida Statutes.

Parties to the proposed mutual aid agreement have joined together to create the Special Case Response and Management Team, which is intended to disrupt and dismantle organized criminal groups and target individual career criminals who are engaging in a series of criminal violations with a specific pattern, affecting multi-jurisdictions.

It is the intention of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to establish the Special Case Response and Management Team as a mechanism by which area law enforcement agencies can dedicate resources into a centralized unit for the purpose of targeting organized criminal groups and career criminals who are committing criminal acts or engaging in a pattern of criminal behavior in violation of Florida State Statutes that affects multi-jurisdictions. The types of criminal violations being investigated include (but are not limited to) racketeering, money laundering, drug violations, extortion, burglary, major theft, and violent crimes significantly affecting the public safety of the citizens of the State of Florida.

Members of the Special Case Response and Management Team shall enjoy full jurisdictional authority anywhere within the State of Florida, with full power to enforce Florida laws and avail themselves of the provisions of this Agreement when engaged in Team operations that have been approved by, and involve, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as contemplated by this Agreement.

Any party may cancel its participation in the Agreement upon delivery of written notice of cancellation to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as noted therein.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

No expense involved.

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A