



Legislation Text

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Subject:

Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Terms of Use for the Douglas County Emergency Vehicle Operations Course

Presented By: Doug Stephens, Chief of Police
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REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Does city council support an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) allowing the Littleton Police Department (LPD) to utilize the Douglas County Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)?

BACKGROUND:

All certified police officers receive their initial emergency vehicle operations training in a Peace Officers Standards Training (POST) approved academy training course. Once an employee is hired by the LPD, annual in-service training on low and high-speed vehicle operations/pursuits is provided. In order to accomplish the training, the LPD utilizes certified driving instructors to establish curriculums for classroom and on-track training. In the past, the on-track portion has been difficult to accomplish because there are few locations in the greater Denver area designed to accommodate the driver training.

The LPD has utilized the Arapahoe County Driver's Training Facility, however; Douglas County recently completed construction on a new facility which offers greatly enhanced services located much closer to Littleton.

PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

Council approved a similar IGA with Arapahoe County in 2016 (Resolution 48-2016) allowing LPD to utilize the Arapahoe County Driver's Training Facility.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Police officers spend the majority of their careers working from a patrol vehicle. The nature of their job requires emergent responses to calls-for-service and vehicle pursuit situations. The patrol vehicles are equipped for such situations and officers are trained in the appropriate vehicular response. Due to the potential liability of these situations, officers need consistent classroom and on-track driver training that is taught by certified instructors in an appropriate and controlled environment.

The LPD provides annual in-service training that includes, but is not limited to, low speed operation - backing, emergency vehicle operations, policy review, high speed pursuit driving, and Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) training. Staff believes there is an opportunity for more meaningful and successful training at the Douglas County EVOC facility.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

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STAFF ANALYSIS:

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The LPD provides annual in-service training that includes, but is not limited to, low speed operation - backing, emergency vehicle operations, policy review, high speed pursuit driving, and Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) training. Staff recommends the Douglas County EVOC facility due to the opportunity for more meaningful and successful training.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve the IGA with Douglas County for use of its EVOC facility and continue to use the Arapahoe County Driver's Training Facility.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Douglas County will provide the EVOC facility (track and classroom) for a fee of \$450 per training period (6 hrs). This expenditure is already included in LPD's training budget for 2018. The LPD may utilize the facility as needed to accomplish in-service training for all commissioned employees. The LPD will provide driving instructors, vehicles, and other necessary equipment. The LPD has certified instructors who coordinate and oversee all in-service drivers training.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution concerning the IGA for use of the Douglas County Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the resolution concerning the IGA for use of the Douglas County Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.