



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Riverside, Post-Release Accountability and Compliance Team, for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Christine Booker, Budgets & Grants Analyst

REVIEWED BY: Chris Karrer, Police Chief

APPROVED BY: Rebekah Kramer, Acting City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Riverside, on behalf of its Probation Department and Post-Release Accountability and Compliance Team (PACT) for Public Safety Realignment.

DISCUSSION

The implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011 resulted in specified convicted felons and parolees who were previously monitored by State Parole to be supervised by County Probation Departments including the Riverside County Probation Department. On August 30, 2011, the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) of Riverside County voted unanimously to support a county-wide law enforcement component.

Police Chiefs within Riverside County, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the Riverside County District Attorney and the Riverside County Probation Department have built the infrastructure to support the increased need for oversight and accountability. PACT is a countywide multi-jurisdictional team composed of the Riverside County Probation Department, Beaumont Police Department, Cathedral City Police Department, Corona Police Department, Desert Hot Springs Police Department, Hemet Police Department, Indio Police Department, Meniffee Police Department, Murrieta Police Department, Palm Springs Police Department, Riverside Police Department, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department which represents all of the contract cities within the County.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021 the CCPEC approved funding for the Meniffee Police Department to be on the PACT team. The City Council signed a MOU in December of 2020 and one officer was assigned to the team. The primary mission of the PACT is to work with probation to focus on

high-risk and at large realignment offenders that pose the most risk to the public. PACT is dedicated to identifying and investigating non-compliant realignment offenders, locating and apprehending at-large and high-risk realignment offenders, and performing compliance sweeps. The support of PACT allows the Riverside County Probation Department more time and resources to focus on case management and compliance checks.

The City of Menifee currently has 26 individuals on Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS), 13 individuals on mandatory supervision and 151 individuals on formal probation. It is imperative to public safety that these individuals are adequately supervised and stay within the terms of their release from incarceration. Many of the individuals assigned to PRCS are high risk offenders and have a high likelihood of reoffending. By maintaining a member on the PACT team, the Menifee Police Department has access to additional resources to help accomplish its primary mission of public safety and reduced criminal activity. In addition to those individuals on PRCS within the City, there are hundreds of individuals on PRCS throughout the County of Riverside. It is a well-known fact that criminal behavior does not know jurisdictional boundaries. Although there will be a focus of those on PRCS in Menifee, the PACT team's county-wide enforcement directly and indirectly benefits all members' jurisdictions.

The PACT has been funded since its inception in 2011. The approved total funding can fluctuate from year to year, but if funding was ever reduced, adjustments have been made to ensure there is no negative impact to participating agencies general fund. If the funding were to be eliminated the PACT officer would be absorbed into approved staffing numbers through attrition.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for this position is already included in the FY 2023/2024 Budget and there is no additional appropriation needed. Additionally, the City could be reimbursed up to \$216,500 from the County of Riverside as approved by the CCPEC. This funding may include the full-time Police Officer's base salary, incentive pays, specialty assignment pays, personal leave, and overtime pay.

The step six fully burdened rate for a full time Police Officer assigned to PACT and classified as a detective is approximately \$192,984.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 2023/2024 PACT MOU
2. FY 2023/2024 Signature Page