

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Police
AGENDA DATE: December 10, 2018
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas 212-4308
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion on the El Paso Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

EPPD and EHN have been working cooperatively to stand up a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to help address the mental health issues within the City of El Paso. The CIT model partners an El Paso Police officer with a mental health professional to respond to calls dealing with persons in a behavioral health crisis.

Council approved in the FY18 budget funding for an additional fourteen police trainees to be added to an academy class. For FY19 Council approved a budget for the City of El Paso to fund the salaries of mental health professionals for six months of the fiscal year. EHN will provide the other six months of salary funding through a grant they received from the State of Texas through the SB292 funding initiative.

EPPD has committed fourteen police officer, three sergeants and one lieutenant to start up the department's CIT section. EHN, upon approval of the Interlocal, will provide seventeen mental health professionals and mental health supervisors to work in conjunction with the police officers in the field.

The Interlocal Agreement will formalize the commitment between the City of El Paso and Emergence Health Network.

SELECTION SUMMARY: N/A

COMPENSATION ANALYSIS:

PROTEST

Protest Received

No Protest Received

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE BRIEFING:

Was a briefing provided? Yes or **X** No
If yes, select the applicable districts.

- District 1
- District 2
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- District 7
- District 8
- All Districts

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

FY17 – Approved \$330,000 for additional police trainees
FY18 – Approved \$530,891 for six months of mental health clinicians salaries

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

FY17 – EPPD general fund budget
FY18 – EPPD general fund budget

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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For Phil Allen