



Emergency Request to Enter into an Agreement with the National Police Foundation for an Officer-Involved Shooting Study

This report requests the Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee recommend City Council approval for the Phoenix Police Department to enter into an agreement with the National Police Foundation to conduct an Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) study.

THIS ITEM IS FOR CONSENT ACTION.

Summary

The Phoenix Police Department (PPD) has an immediate and critical operational need to address the number of OIS incidents that have occurred since the beginning of the year. Between Jan. 1 and May 29, 2018, there have been 23 OIS incidents in Phoenix. Historically, this is the number of OIS incidents that occur on an annual basis. To illustrate, the annual number of OIS incidents for the most recent three-year period totaled: 21 in 2017, 25 in 2016 and 17 in 2015. The PPD has already exceeded the annual OIS incident totals for 2015 and 2017 in the first five months of the current year.

The PPD's top priority is ensuring the safety of both the community and our officers. An in-depth analysis of OIS incidents in Phoenix will provide the Department with a deeper understanding of these events to gain a full picture of each incident to determine not only what occurred, but how, and why, from the point of initiation to conclusion. This insight, coupled with the study recommendations will improve the chances of reducing the frequency of these deadly force encounters.

Procurement Information

Due to the urgency of the issue, the department would like to conduct an emergency procurement with the National Police Foundation for the study. The National Police Foundation has been developing an extensive, multi-agency, OIS dataset as part of a groundbreaking collaborative with the Major Cities Chiefs Association. The dataset currently contains detailed information on more than 1,200 OIS encounters as reported by more than 50 of the largest law enforcement agencies across the United States and Canada. This will allow regional and national comparisons between OIS incidents in Phoenix to those in other agencies. Also, due to the urgency of the study, the National Police Foundation can complete the analysis and provide a final report with

recommendations in six months.

Contract Term

This agreement shall commence on or about July 5, 2018, the term shall be for six months.

Financial Impact

The cost of the study is \$149,000.00. Funds are available in the Police Department's budget.

Emergency Clause

The high number of officer-involved shootings are a threat to public safety and expose the City to serious liability.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. and the Police Department.