

Legislation Text

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FROM:

Police Department

SUBJECT:

Approve San Bernardino County District Attorney Victim Advocacy Services Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Contract/Agreement between the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (Bureau of Victim Services) and the Fontana Police Department to provide Victim Advocacy Services to improve the health, welfare, and quality of life of victims of crime including children.

2. Authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police or his assigned designee to sign the Agreement, all related documents, and any amendments to continue this cooperative agreement as long as it is in the best interest of the City of Fontana.

COUNCIL GOALS:

- Improve public safety by increasing operational efficiency, visibility and availability.
- Concentrate on Inter-governmental relations by establishing partnerships and positive working relationships with other public agencies providing services to residents and local businesses.

DISCUSSION:

The Fontana Police Department's role in this agreement is to provide adequate office space, Internet connectivity, the ability to print to a duplex-capable printer, equipment, supplies, and office assistance for each Advocate.

Assembly Bill 109 which establishes the California Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011, permits a San Bernardino County Victim Advocate (Advocate) to be stationed in a non-County agency or organization in order to provide Victim Advocacy Services to improve the health, welfare, and quality of life of victims of crime, including children.

The Contract is effective as of August 23, 2022, and expires June 30, 2023, in accordance with the end of the fiscal year. The Contract may be terminated earlier. If AB109 funding is renewed in successive years, the contract term will change to match the funding period of the given year and be renewed upon agreement and signature by FPD and the San Bernardino County.

Staff recommends approving this Agreement as it will assist the DA's office, the Police Department, and the community by maximizing our resources to provide assistance to individuals who have been victimized.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with the approval of this agreement.

MOTION:

Approve staff recommendations.