



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: March 18, 2014
Placement: Admin
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Staff Sheriff Bill Brown 681-4290
Contact Info: Commander Julie McCammon 692-5732
SUBJECT: **Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Barbara County Information Sharing System (SBCISS) and Authorizing Signature**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: YES

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence:

Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office and Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Adopt and approve the MOU between the "Original Member Agencies," also known as the Santa Barbara County Information Sharing System (SBCISS) node for records data sharing within the Santa Barbara County area.
- 2) Board approval will allow the SBCISS Chair (Sheriff Brown) to sign with other Information Sharing Systems on behalf of SBCISS to access their information.
- 3) Determine that the proposed action is not a "project" under the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), as it is a governmental administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

Law enforcement agencies within Santa Barbara County have a desire to establish an integrated system of records data sharing between Member Agencies of a regional law enforcement system and the SBCISS.

SBCISS Member Agencies are the following:

- Lompoc Police Department
- Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office
- Santa Barbara Police Department
- City of Guadalupe
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office
- Santa Barbara County Probation Department
- UCSB Police Department
- Santa Maria Police Department

Background:

For the past several years, law enforcement agencies within Santa Barbara County have been sharing their Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System data as part of our regional crime fighting efforts. This MOU formalizes the records management system data sharing agreements of member agencies within the Santa Barbara County through the creation of SBCISS. The collective data warehoused in the SBCISS is to be known as the Santa Barbara County Node.

It is anticipated that the Santa Barbara County Node will connect to the COPLINK system, which is a records data management system that will connect with other law enforcement and justice agencies throughout the state and some other states in a secure intranet-based platform. COPLINK was originally funded in 2008, procured through homeland security funds grant administered through Santa Barbara County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The cost for Santa Barbara County agencies was approximately \$125,000.00 (Sheriff, Probation and District Attorney's Office).

Almost 70% of California law enforcement has access to COPLINK. When the statewide COPLINK system is established and on-line in Santa Barbara County, it is anticipated that the MOU will be amended and the SBCISS node will connect to COPLINK. The Santa Barbara County Node will be installed and hosted by the Santa Barbara Police Department. Member Agencies shall retain control of and remain the official custodian of all information they contribute to the Node and have sole discretion regarding release of that information.

The benefits for Santa Barbara County to become a member agency of SBCISS are as follows:

- Participation in a records data sharing system will improve law enforcement response to community crime and enhance overall investigative capacity.
- Timely and critical information sharing across jurisdictional boundaries.
- When the statewide COPLINK system is on-line in Santa Barbara County, the vast quantities of data, once seemingly unrelated and housed in various incompatible databases, can be organized and easily accessed. This will help to analyze and use the information to discover links and relationships to resolve previously "unsolvable" incidents.

The desire of the participating agencies is to establish a system that allows one point of contact (the Sheriff) to sign agreements on behalf of all Santa Barbara County agencies participating in the COPLINK system per the approval of their respective County Supervisors and City Councils.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes and No

Fiscal Analysis:

There are maintenance fees which are determined based on the number of sworn personnel for each Member Agency. For Sheriff (*254 sworn*), Probation (*120 sworn*) and the District Attorney (*18 sworn*, including *extra-help*) a cost of approximately \$106.00 per sworn officer, per year is estimated. The Sheriff's Office total cost is approximately \$26,923.29, the Probation Department is approximately \$12,719.67 and the District Attorney's Office is approximately \$1,908.00.

Costs for the Sheriff's annual maintenance fee will come from ongoing General Fund contributions. Costs for Probation's annual maintenance fee will come from existing ongoing revenue and is included in the FY 2013-14 adopted budget. Costs for the District Attorney's annual maintenance fee will come from ongoing General Fund contributions.

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

- A. MOU- SBCISS Santa Barbara County Information Sharing System

Authored by:

Julie McCammon, Commander Support Services Division
692-5732