AGENDA

Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed per person in total for each item.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:
   
   A. Board Letter: APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES TO THE 59TH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. Speaker(s): Jack W. Ewell and Robbie A. Royster (Sheriff’s)

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):
   
   A. None

5. ADJOURNMENT

6. UPCOMING ITEMS:
   
   A. Board Briefing: ELEVATING THE ARTS IN JUSTICE REFORM AND PREVENTION Speaker(s): Megan Moret (Arts)
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October 27, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES TO THE 59TH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff’s Department (Department) seeks approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) for reimbursement of salaries and overtime, airfare, and incidental expenses for participation in the 59th Presidential Inauguration (Inauguration) funded by the Government of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute the attached Agreement with MPD, commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating on January 21, 2021, for participation in the Inauguration.

2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute all amendments and modifications to the Agreement, as necessary, for the effective participation in the Inauguration.
PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of this Agreement is to approve the Department’s participation in the Inauguration effective upon execution of this Agreement through January 21, 2021.

Over 90 local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States provide approximately 4,000 personnel for supplemental security at the Inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

Participation in the Inauguration, including pre-event training, requires Department personnel be present in Washington, D.C. from January 18, 2021, through January 21, 2021.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This Agreement relates to the Los Angeles County’s Strategic Plan, Goal III.1.2 - Develop Effective Manager-Leaders by training and equipping Department executives, managers, and deputy personnel with the technical, problem solving, and relationship skills through the participation in the Inauguration.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of an Appropriation Adjustment will be requested during the FY 2020-2021 mid-year Budget Adjustment to increase the Department’s Patrol Clearing Budget Unit appropriation (revenue and expenditure appropriations) in the amount of $206,000 (salaries and employee benefits - $138,000 and services and supplies - $68,000) to be fully off-set by the MPD. The funding from the Patrol Clearing Budget Unit will be distributed to the Patrol Specialized and Unallocated Budget Unit.

The MPD has agreed to fully reimburse the County for all salaries and overtime (32 hours straight time and 8 hours overtime), airfare, and per diem expenses incurred throughout the Inauguration. Hotel accommodations are contracted and coordinated by the MPD at no cost to the County. No new salary or employee benefits cost will be incurred by the County, including no overtime back-fill.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Hotel reservations and room assignments are coordinated and paid for by the MPD. The Department has agreed to the Federal per diem travel training rates, which are lower than those of California’s travel training rates and will not include the capital city’s incidental expense allowance. All participants will be required to sign a waiver agreeing
to the Federal per diem rate and absence of the capital city’s incidental expense allowance.

MPD is adhering to a standardized reimbursement schedule for every participating law enforcement agency throughout the nation. The MPD agreement, utilized by each agency, details the standardized funding breakdown for each of the categorical costs to be incurred during this event. Therefore, the categorical costs to be reimbursed to the Department are consistent with those for every agency participating in the Inauguration.

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The requested Board action will not impact day-to-day public services provided by the Department.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department’s Emergency Operations Bureau.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

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UNDERSHERIFF
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. (MPD) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the MOU is to outline the mission of the Presidential Inauguration Task Force (PITF) in the Washington, D.C. area from Sunday, January 17, 2021, to Thursday, January 21, 2021. Additionally, this MOU defines relationships between the U.S. Marshals Service, MPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, as well as other participating agencies with regard to policy, guidance, utilization of resources, planning, training, public relations and media in order to maximize interagency cooperation.

II. MISSION

The mission of the PITF is to achieve maximum coordination and cooperation in bringing to bear combined resources to effectively implement measures to promote the safety of the President of the United States, inaugural participants, the public, visitors and residents while allowing individuals and groups to exercise their legal rights.

Additionally, all units that are participating agencies will coordinate their activities and be considered a member of the PITF; sharing information and coordinating investigative and law enforcement efforts which may result from any apprehensions originating from the PITF.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Direction

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department acknowledges that the PITF is a joint operation in which all agencies, including the MPD, the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, United States Marshals Service, United States Secret Service, United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Park Service, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and other agencies, act as partners in the operation of the PITF. The Command Center for the operations will be located at the MPD Headquarters and will be staffed by officers from the United States Marshals Service, MPD, U.S. Park Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These officers will serve as the Executive Council for this operation.
B. Supervision

The day-to-day operation and administrative control of the PITF will be the responsibility of MPD’s Inaugural Planning Committee Commanding Officer. The Inaugural Planning Committee Commanding Officer will coordinate with supervisory personnel of the United States Secret Service as the sponsoring agency for Special Deputation (federal) and with MPD as the lead agency for the operation. The daily management of the PITF will be closely monitored by the MPD.

Responsibility for the conduct of the PITF members, both personally and professionally, shall remain with the respective agency directors subject to the provisions in Section IX (Liability).

C. Unilateral Law Enforcement Action

There shall be no unilateral action taken on the part of any participating non-federal or non-MPD law enforcement agency relating to PITF activities. All law enforcement action by participating non-federal and non-MPD law enforcement agencies must be coordinated and conducted in a cooperative manner under the direction of the Executive Council and the MPD.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Personnel

Continued assignment of personnel to the PITF will be based upon performance and will be at the discretion of the respective agency. Each participating agency will be provided with reports as necessary regarding the program, direction, and accomplishment of the PITF.

B. Deputation

All local and state law enforcement personnel designated to the PITF will be subject to background inquiry and will be federally deputized with the United States Marshals Service securing the required deputation authorization. These deputations will remain in effect throughout the tenure of each officer’s assignment to the PITF or until termination of the PITF, whichever occurs first. Each individual deputized as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal will have all necessary law enforcement authority as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 566(c) and (d); 28 U.S.C. § 564; 18 U.S.C. § 3053; 28 C.F.R. § 0.112, and the deputation authority of the Deputy Attorney General. The Special Deputy U.S. Marshals will be responsible for: 1) performing necessary law enforcement steps to keep the peace of the United States; 2) enforcing federal law (e.g., 18 U.S.C. §§ 112, 1116, and 878, as well as other provisions of that title); 3) protecting visiting foreign officials, official guests, and internationally protected persons; 4) taking necessary law enforcement steps to prevent violations of federal law and; 5) enforcing District of Columbia law as a result of the deputation (see D.C. Official Code § 23-581 and 28 U.S.C. § 564).
Individuals deputized as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals pursuant to this MOU who suffer a disability or die as a result of personal injury sustained while acting within the course and scope of their official duties and assignments pursuant to this MOU shall be treated as a federal employee as defined by Title 5 U.S.C. § 8101. Any such individuals who apply to the U.S. Department of Labor for federal workers’ compensation under Section 3374 must submit a copy of this MOU with his or her application. All applicants will be processed by the U.S. Department of Labor on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

C. Law Enforcement Activities

Since it is anticipated that almost all cases originating from any PITF arrests will be prosecuted at the state or local level, the law enforcement methods employed by all participating law enforcement agencies shall conform to the requirements of the relevant state or local statutory or common law pending a decision as to a change of venue for prosecution.

D. Prosecution

The criteria for determining whether to prosecute a particular violation in federal or state court will focus upon achieving the greatest overall benefit to law enforcement and the community. Any question which arises pertaining to prosecutorial jurisdiction will be resolved through the Executive Council. The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia has agreed to formally participate in the PITF and will adopt policies and seek sentences that meet the needs of justice.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Records and Reports

All records and reports generated by PITF members shall be routed through MPD’s Inaugural Planning Committee Commanding Officer who shall be responsible for maintaining custody and proper dissemination of said records and reports as he or she deems appropriate.

B. Staff Briefings

Periodic briefings on PITF law enforcement actions will be provided to the directors of the participating agencies or their designees. Statistics regarding accomplishments will also be provided to the participating agencies as available.

VI. MEDIA

All media releases pertaining to PITF law enforcement activity and/or arrests will be coordinated by the Executive Council. No unilateral press releases will be made by any
participating agency without the prior approval of the Executive Council. No information pertaining to the PITF itself will be released to the media without Executive Council approval.

VII. EQUIPMENT

A. PITF Vehicles

Each participating agency, subject to availability and individual agency policy, agrees and authorizes PITF members to use vehicles, when available, owned or leased by those participating agencies, in connection with PITF law enforcement operations. Each participating agency agrees to be responsible for any negligent act or omission on the part of its agency or its employees, and for any liability resulting from the misuse of said vehicles, as well as any damage incurred to those vehicles as a result of any such negligent act or omission on the part of the participating agency or its employees, subject to the provisions of Section IX (Liability).

Participating agency vehicles assigned to the PITF are subject to funding availability, are provided at the discretion of the supervisor of the providing agency, and will be used only by PITF members. Vehicles provided by participating agencies will be used only during working hours and will not be used for transportation to and from work by task force members or used for any other purpose. Participating agencies will provide maintenance and upkeep of their vehicles consistent with each agency’s policy. Vehicles provided as pool vehicles for PITF use will be parked at the end of each shift at a location determined by MPD’s Inaugural Planning Committee Commanding Officer or his/her designee.

B. Other Equipment

Other equipment furnished by any agency for use by other agencies’ participating personnel shall be returned to the originating agency upon termination of the PITF or this MOU.

VIII. FUNDING

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department agrees to provide the full-time services of its respective personnel for the duration of this operation, and to assume all personnel costs for their PITF representatives, including salaries, overtime payments, and fringe benefits consistent with their respective agency policies and procedures. Reimbursement for the cost of such personnel will be made by the District of Columbia, with funds provided by the United States and from general revenue.

IX. LIABILITY

Unless specifically addressed by the terms of this MOU, the parties agree to be responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of their respective employees. Liability for PITF employees’ acts or omissions undertaken outside the terms of this MOU are
the sole responsibility of the respective employee or agency involved.

For the limited purpose of defending tort claims arising out of PITF activity, state or local law enforcement officers who are specially deputized as Deputy U.S. Marshals may request that the Attorney General or his designee certify under 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d) that the officer was an employee of the U.S. government acting in the scope of office or employment at the time of the incident out of which the claim arose. Upon certification, the United States is substituted as the defendant under the Federal Tort Claims Act and the case proceeds against the United States. This procedure does not apply to claims for violations of federal constitutional or statutory rights. See 28 U.S.C. 2679(b)(2). Decisions regarding certification under § 2679 are made on a case-by-case basis and no guarantee is made that any PITF personnel will be certified under this provision.

PITF-deputized officers may request representation by the U.S. Department of Justice for individual-capacity civil claims arising from actions taken within the scope of deputation under this MOU. See 28 C.F.R. § 50.15. The Department of Justice determines whether to provide individual-capacity representation on a case-by-case basis applying the criteria in § 50.15. Legal representation by the Department of Justice is discretionary and not guaranteed.

To request certification of scope of employment under 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d) or legal representation under 28 C.F.R. § 50.15, a PITF-deputized officer should submit a written request to the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia will forward the request to the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice together with a recommendation concerning scope of employment as a deputized federal officer and Department representation. 28 C.F.R. § 50.15(a)(3).

A PITF-deputized officer may request indemnification for an adverse judgment under the circumstances set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 50.15(c). Indemnification decisions are discretionary and made on a case-by-case basis. Indemnification is not guaranteed.

PITF officers from participating agencies covered by the provisions of § 7302 of the National Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, PL 108-458, 118 Stat. 3538, as amended, and PL 110-250, 122 Stat. 2318 ("the Act"), also have the liability protection afforded by the Act.

X. DURATION

This MOU shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the PITF as specified in Part I (Purpose) above, unless that date is modified as set forth in Section XI, and subject to the availability of necessary funding. The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia or the Metropolitan Police Department may terminate this agreement at any time. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department may withdraw from this MOU at any time by
providing a seven-day written notice of its intent to withdraw to the MPD. Upon the termination of the MOU, all equipment will be returned to the supplying agencies.

XI. MODIFICATIONS

The terms of this MOU may be modified at any time by written consent of all parties. Modifications to this MOU shall have no force and effect unless such modifications are reduced to writing and signed by an authorized representative of each participating agency.

XII. LIMITATION

Nothing in this MOU is intended to, or shall be construed to create enforceable rights in third parties.

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