Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") entered into by and between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNPD") as it relates to The Investigative Team Addressing Neighborhood Shootings ("T.I.T.A.N.S.") and Violent Crime Reduction Task Force to implement an effective and sustainable, intelligence driven strategy to reduce gun related violence in the Nashville Metropolitan area.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, has entered into a MOU with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); and,

WHEREAS, participation in T.I.T.A.N.S. will allow the ATF and the MNPD to combine efforts and resources to work in tandem to investigate, prosecute, and remove armed criminals from Nashville; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this intergovernmental agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the intergovernmental agreement by and between the ATF and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the MNPD, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves a memorandum of understanding between the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) for The Investigative Team Addressing Neighborhood Shootings (T.I.T.A.N.S.) and a violent crime reduction task force. The purpose of the task force is to investigate and prosecute firearms trafficking and gun violence. This agreement sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the parties regarding participation in the task force including information sharing and investigative methods. The ATF special agent in charge will have control over all operations of the task force. The ATF will assign six special agents to the task force, and MNPD will assign eight officers for at least two years.

All task force officers must undergo a security clearance and background investigation by the ATF. The MOU includes provisions regarding the sharing of information, which must be solely for criminal investigation purposes. Each participating agency will pay the costs of its employees associated with the task force. ATF may separately reimburse overtime subject to availability of funds, but this MOU does not require any such funding. Either agency may withdraw from participation in the task force with 90 days written notice.