

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT (CAR)**

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2018-1911 approving an MOU for participation in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program.	STAFF PRESENTER: Jerry Geier, Chief of Police CASE NUMBER: None OTHER PRESENTER: None
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PROPOSED ACTION:

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1911 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GOODYEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK (NIBIN) PROGRAM.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Access to the NIBIN's program allows for multi-jurisdictional information sharing that can lead to solving cases in which multiple crimes have been committed using the same firearm. Data that has been previously entered into the NIBIN network aids law enforcement in making connections more quickly in relation to the location of prior incidents as well as the details of individual cases.

Glendale Police Department participates in the NIBIN's program in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) which established the program in 1999. Previously, the task of identifying ballistics was performed manually and was very labor intensive. Through the use of NIBIN, information is entered into the system in which comparisons can be made and cases can now be solved quickly and accurately resulting in the apprehension of violent criminals.

The necessary network access, equipment, space and ballistic facility will be provided by Glendale Police Department and made available for Goodyear's use with Goodyear providing personnel to be trained on the proper protocols and procedures for operation. The MOU will remain in effect for five years from date of execution and may be terminated upon 30-days written notice at any time to the other party.

The execution of the MOU for the use of Glendale Police Department's NIBIN program will allow Goodyear the resources that might otherwise be unavailable to assist investigations in an effort to combat, link, and solve violent crimes involving firearms by using automated ballistic imaging technology.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Goodyear is currently under MOU with the City of Phoenix Police Department (Resolution No. 14-1680) for the same program. Staff will give 30-days' notice to cancel once Glendale's MOU has been approved. An MOU with Glendale would allow greater access to NIBIN related facilities and training.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There will be no new or additional direct costs associated with use of the process, software, or testing facilities in Glendale. There are two ancillary costs associated with use of NIBIN that will be Goodyear's responsibility. These are training costs (initial and ongoing) for the forensics technicians who will be using NIBIN, and the cost of ammunition for test firing of weapons.

Primary training to use NIBIN is conducted at a federal facility in Anniston, AL. The training is free, but travel and per diem expenses are paid by the City. As the current forensics technician assigned to use NIBIN has already been trained, this cost will only be experienced if there are assigned staff changes, and would come out of the existing Police training budget. There are occasional ongoing training opportunities that are also offered at no cost. However, these are generally hosted at the local NIBIN facility, so there are no travel or per diem costs. If there are any other training costs associated, those costs will be absorbed as part of our existing training budget.

Ammunition is required to test fire weapons so that the spent bullet can be scanned into NIBIN. As test firing does not require a large amount of rounds to be expended, costs associated for ammunition for NIBIN purposes is minimal and has already been absorbed into the Police budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 2018-1911 authorizing the city manager or her designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Glendale Police Department and Goodyear Police Department for participation in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2018-1911
Glendale PD Memorandum of Understanding