



Legislation Text

File #: 21-6529, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Memorandum of Understanding

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): ATF - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, concerning the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).

Background and Discussion:

The ATF NIBIN Program uses an integrated investigative approach that works in concert with other Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in combating firearms-related violence using ballistic imaging technology to compare images of ballistic evidence obtained from crime scenes and firearms. The mission of the program is to reduce firearms violence through aggressive targeting, investigation, and prosecution of shooters and their sources of crime guns.

Expected Impact:

This MOU establishes and defines a partnership between the parties that will result in an ATF National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system installation, operation, and administration for the collection, timely analysis, and dissemination of crime gun data to enhance the efforts of law enforcement to integrate resources to reduce firearms violence, identify shooters, and refer them for prosecution.

NIBIN has proven that it enhances the capabilities of the Shot Spotter program.

Alternative Options:

Alternative Options would be for the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), Crime Laboratory-Crime Scene Unit (CSU) to continue using NIBIN without a signed MOU in place.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health

- _ Transportation
- _ Flooding
- _ Environment
- _ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A	N/A	N/A

Location:

Address (if applicable): Crime Laboratory - Crime Scene Unit, 810 N. San Jacinto St., Houston, Harris County, Texas 77002.

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Crime Laboratory - Crime Scene Unit	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures		-	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Current Budget		-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
Total Funding Sources		\$0-	-	-
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-
Total Personnel		0-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: It was implemented in March 2020.

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Lieutenant Ben Katrib, HCSO - Crime Laboratory/ Crime Scene Unit

Attachments (if applicable): The Memorandum of Understanding reviewed by the CAO.