

Monday, August 05, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
August 13, 2002

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND AMEND THE EXISTING
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
INTERAGENCY METROPOLITAN POLICE APPREHENSION CRIME TASK
FORCE (ALSO KNOWN AS L.A. IMPACT)**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Adopt the attached resolution , and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the amended LA IMPACT memorandum of understanding.

BACKGROUND:

In August of 1991 the City Council formally adopted a resolution to participate in the newly created LA IMPACT crime task force. A MOU was adopted at that time. The major objective of LA IMPACT has been to reduce drug trafficking and investigate other major crimes in the Los Angeles region. The Hermosa Beach Police Department has assigned personnel to participate in this task force off and on over the years as staffing permitted

ANALYSIS:

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 LA IMPACT will be expanding its role to include the investigation and prosecution of crimes associated with terrorist activity. The attached resolution for adoption by the City Council is to approve the amended and restated MOU relating to jointly and collectively targeting the investigation and prosecution of terrorists and criminal activity, in addition to LA IMPACT's current effort in prosecuting drug trafficking throughout Los Angeles County. Similar resolutions are being presented to the City Councils of other Los Angeles County cities as well. As there is state and federal funding that helps defray the operational costs of the team, it was originally determined that resolutions be adopted by the participating cities of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost associated with the adoption of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted:

Concur:

Michael Lavin
Chief of Police

Stephen Burrell
City Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH ADOPTING AN
AMENDED AND RESTATED MOU AUTHORIZING
L.A. IMPACT TO ALSO TARGET, INVESTIGATE
AND PROSECUTE INDIVIDUALS WHO ENGAGE IN TERRORISM

WHEREAS, in 1991 cities in Los Angeles County authorized participation in L.A. Impact by adopting a joint powers agreement and MOU (herein MOU);

WHEREAS, L.A. Impact has been very successful in accomplishing its original mission;
and

WHEREAS, the original mission of L.A. Impact is stated in the MOU as:

The Mission of the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force is to promote coordinated law enforcement efforts, and to address emerging criminal justice issues throughout the Los Angeles County area, encouraging maximum cooperation between all law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and insuring the safety of both police personnel and the public, accomplished in an efficient manner within constitutional guidelines.

Initially L.A. Impact will target, investigate and prosecute individuals who organize, direct, finance, or otherwise engage in medium-to-high level drug trafficking enterprises or money laundering, placing a high priority on those subjects engaged in the importation of drugs into Los Angeles County, and to interdict such illicit supply lines and seize their drugs.

L.A. Impact is also established to identify and ultimately convict medium-to-high level drug traffickers and to seize assets derived through drug trafficking through the effective methods of a task force approach; and

WHEREAS, recent events of horrific historical proportions demand that law enforcement agencies respond collectively to terrorist threats; and

WHEREAS, L.A. Impact has become a model of interagency cooperation and effectiveness in Los Angeles County by accomplishing its mission to target, investigate and prosecute drug traffickers who threaten our society and our youth; and

WHEREAS, L.A. Impact is uniquely situated to undertake a joint and cooperative effort to confront terrorist threats to our society on a local basis; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the mission statement of L.A. Impact previously adopted by city councils is an appropriate method to create a mechanism to jointly confront terrorism in Los Angeles County on an organized basis, and

WHEREAS, THE Chiefs of Police of each city in Los Angeles County are uniquely suited to develop and execute these programs and plans which are necessary to confront the significant threats to our society; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes cities to approve agreements by which they can jointly exercise powers common to cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach hereby adopts the amended and restated L.A. Impact MOU which shall include the following provisions:

1. "The Mission of the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force is to promote coordinated law enforcement efforts, and to address emerging criminal justice issues through the Los Angeles County area, encouraging maximum cooperation between all law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and insuring the safety of both police personnel and the public, accomplished in an efficient manner within constitutional guidelines.

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Additionally, L.A. Impact, as a separate and distinct mission, separately funded or as may be authorized by participating member agencies, shall cooperatively and jointly target, investigate and prosecute individuals who engaged in any activity relating to terrorism and criminal activity which threatens the public health, safety and welfare of citizens. This Amendment shall be effective when fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the cities with eligible police departments adopt by council action, the MOU as amended and restated herein, but only as to those cities who do so.

2. The Council authorizes the Chief of Police of the City to act as the exclusive agent and representative of the City to the Task Force and, further authorizes the Chief, with respect to drug trafficking, to allocate personnel and financial resources in accordance with the MOU and

applicable provisions of law concerning asset seizures and forfeitures; and further, with respect to terrorist and criminal activity, to allocate personnel and financial resources in accordance with the MOU and as may be funded separately or authorized by the City Council.

3. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____.
2002.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

Vote: