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TO: Goodhue County Commissioners
FROM: Captain Collins Voxland
DATE: March 5, 2019
RE: Renewal for the Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Joint Powers Agreement/ICAC

SUMMARY

The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office is requesting to renew the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Goodhue County and the State of MN for 2019-2024. The original JPA was signed in August of 2011.

BACKGROUND

This agreement allows the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office to work with the MN Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Goodhue County and the State of Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, have joined together in this multi-agency task force intended to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation of children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers and to disrupt and dismantle organizations engaging in such activity.

RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully request the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners approve the renewal for the Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Joint Powers Agreement for ICAC.



STATE OF MINNESOTA

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT MINNESOTA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

This Joint Powers Agreement ("Agreement") is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ("BCA"), and the "County of Goodhue on behalf of its Sheriff's Office, 430 W 6th Street, Redwing MN 55066" ("Governmental Unit").

Recitals

Under Minnesota Statutes, § 471.59, the BCA and the Governmental Unit are empowered to engage in agreements that are necessary to exercise their powers. The parties wish to work together to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation of children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers, and to disrupt and dismantle organizations engaging in these activities. The Governmental Unit wants to participate in the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and be provided reimbursement of the following: equipment, training, and expenses (including travel and overtime) as are incurred by law enforcement as a result of ongoing investigations.

Agreement

1. Term of Agreement

- 1.1 **Effective Date.** This Agreement is effective on the date BCA obtains all required signatures pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 16C.05, subdivision 2.
- 1.2 **Expiration Date.** This Agreement expires five years from the date it is effective unless terminated earlier pursuant to clause 12.

2. Purpose

The Governmental Unit and BCA enter into this Agreement to implement a three-pronged approach of prevention, education and enforcement to combat internet crimes against children. This Agreement provides the mechanism to reimburse the Governmental Unit for equipment, training and expenses (including travel and overtime), which are incurred by law enforcement as a result of these investigations.

3. Standards

The Governmental Unit will adhere to the ICAC Program standards identified below.

- 3.1 Investigate activities related to internet crimes and the exploitation of children through the use of computers.
- 3.2 Investigate organizations to disrupt and dismantle crimes committed against children.
- 3.3 Investigators will follow appropriate state and/or federal laws in obtaining arrest warrants, search warrants and civil and criminal forfeitures. Investigators will follow proper legal procedures in securing evidence, including electronic devices.
- 3.4 Investigators will understand and use appropriate legal procedures in the use of informants including documentation of identity, monitoring of activities, and use and recordation of payments.

- 3.5 Investigators will use, as appropriate, the most current investigative technologies and techniques.
- 3.6 Investigators must be licensed Minnesota peace officers.
- 3.7 Investigators will comply with the guidelines of the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Program Operational and Investigative Standards.

4. Responsibilities of the Governmental Unit and the BCA

4.1 The Governmental Unit will:

- 4.1.1 Assign a Governmental Unit point of contact to act as the liaison between it and the BCA ICAC Project Commander to assist in reimbursement deadlines.
- 4.1.2 Submit an ICAC reimbursement request for pre-approval of funds. This request shall include a description of the item requested for reimbursement and an explanation of how it qualifies under the required criteria in Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 and an operational plan.
- 4.1.3 Conduct investigations in accordance with provisions of the ICAC Operational and Investigative Standards, identified in Clause 3.7 above, and conclude the investigations in a timely manner.
- 4.1.4 Allow BCA to inform participating agencies of potential case connections based on data submitted to BCA through the ICAC Program.
- 4.1.5 Not commingle ICAC funds with any other existing federal or state grant funded overtime or additional local Governmental Unit funding.

4.2 The BCA will:

- 4.2.1 Provide a Senior Special Agent who will serve as the Commander of the Task Force.
- 4.2.2 Review and approve or decline reimbursement requests under clause 4.1.2 within seven (7) business days of the reimbursement request.

- 4.3 Nothing in this Agreement shall otherwise limit the jurisdiction, powers, and responsibilities normally possessed by a Governmental Unit acting through its employees.

5. Payment

- 5.1 To receive reimbursement for an expense, Governmental Unit must make a request for reimbursement to the BCA Authorized Representative under the required criteria for operational and investigative standards.
- 5.2 To receive approved reimbursement, Governmental Unit must submit an expense form no later than 15 business days after the end of the month during which the expense is incurred.
- 5.3 The BCA will pay the Governmental Unit within thirty (30) calendar days of the submission of the expense form.
- 5.4 In the event Governmental Unit breaches this Agreement, it will not be eligible to receive reimbursement for any expenses.

6. Authorized Representatives

The BCA's Authorized Representative is the following person or his successor:

Name: Donald Cheung, Senior Special Agent/Commander of MN ICAC
Address: Department of Public Safety; Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
1430 Maryland Street East
Saint Paul, MN 55106
Telephone: 651.793.7000
E-mail Address: donald.cheung@state.mn.us

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is the following person or his/her successor:

Name: Collins Voxland
Address: Goodhue County Sheriff's Office
430 W 6th Street
Redwing, MN 55066
Telephone: 651-267-2623
E-mail Address: Collins.voxland@co.goodhue.mn.us

If the Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Agreement, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the BCA.

7. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Agreement Complete

- 7.1 Assignment.** The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement.
- 7.2 Amendments.** Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original Agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3 Waiver.** If the BCA fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
- 7.4 Agreement Complete.** This Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the BCA and the Governmental Unit. No other understanding regarding this Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8. Liability

The BCA and the Governmental Unit agree each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of any others and the results thereof. The BCA's liability shall be governed by provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, § 3.736, and other applicable law. The Governmental Unit's liability shall be governed by provisions of the Municipal Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, §§ 466.01-466.15, and other applicable law.

9. Audits

Under Minnesota Statutes, § 16C.05, subdivision 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by the BCA and/or the State Auditor and/or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six (6) years from the end of this Agreement.

10. Government Data Practices

The Governmental Unit and the BCA must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 and other applicable law, as it applies to all data provided by the BCA under this Agreement and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this Agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Governmental Unit or the BCA.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Governmental Unit instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

11. Venue

The venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

12. Expiration and Termination

- 12.1** Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the other party. To the extent funds are available, the Governmental Unit shall receive reimbursement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.
- 12.2** In the event that federal funding is no longer available, the BCA will email the Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative and terminate the Agreement. The termination will be effective two (2) business days after email notification to the Governmental Unit; and the Governmental Unit shall receive reimbursement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.

13. Continuing Obligations

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Agreement: 8, Liability; 9, Audits; 10, Government Data Practices; and 11, Venue.

The parties indicate their agreement and authority to execute this Agreement by signing below.

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Governmental Unit certifies that the appropriate person(s) has(have) executed this Agreement on behalf of the Governmental Unit and its jurisdictional government entity as required by applicable articles, laws, by-laws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By and Title: _____
Governmental Unit

Date

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

By and Title: _____
(with delegated authority)

Date

COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

As delegated to the Office of State Procurement

By: _____

Date