

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: January 14, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager

Subject: **Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve the renewal of the Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the County of Los Angeles for Law Enforcement Services provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no direct fiscal impact related to the approval of this agreement. All law enforcement contract costs are considered and approved annually by the City Council as a component of the City’s budget development and adoption process.

**Background:**

In October 2009, the City Council entered into the current five year Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement (MLESA) with the County of Los Angeles for law enforcement services provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD). That agreement will expire on June 30, 2014.

Under the proposed renewal agreement, LASD would continue to provide general law enforcement services within the city limits of the City of Lancaster. The term of the new agreement would be effective from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, unless terminated sooner per procedures outlined in the agreement.

The most significant proposed change to the existing agreement (“redline” and “clean” version of proposed agreement attached) is based upon concerns expressed by our City Council, and other cities, regarding deployment disruptions of LASD resources paid for by contract cities (i.e. “busted” cars). Section 3.0 has been revised to strengthen the necessary collaboration between LASD and cities to address potential deployment disruptions. While Lancaster enjoys a true collaborative partnership with our Station Captain, Pat Nelson, that is not always the case with other contract cities. However, the changes to Section 3.0 represent a contractual acknowledgement of the importance of scheduled deployments and a mechanism to address deployment disruptions. This will benefit Lancaster and other LASD contract cities.

Specific provisions of law enforcement activities and deployment are directed by the City through the City budget process, city ordinances, the LASD Service Level Authorization form (Form SH-AD 575) and overall management of law enforcement operations and programs by City staff and LASD Lancaster Station command staff.

**Attachment:**

Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement (“redline” and “clean” versions)