



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide SAPD with officer/operator training, expert testimony, and maintenance of intoxilyzer machines for a total cost of \$112,041.20 per year with a maximum of \$448,165 over a four-year contract term. Funding is available from FY2025 General Fund and funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2008, SAPD began participating in no-refusal weekends (no-refusal refers to obtaining a blood specimen from a suspected alcohol impaired driver who refuses a breath test). In 2011, SAPD moved to no-refusal every week day. In addition to the no-refusal blood draw warrants, the SAPD DWI Unit administers breath tests to detect and measure alcohol limits in those cases where a suspected impaired driver does not refuse. The breath tests must be administered by SAPD DWI Unit officers who are trained, authorized, and certified to properly operate the DPS intoxilyzer instruments.

On April 28, 2021, SAPD and DPS entered in to a four-year Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ICC) wherein DPS provided SAPD with a temporarily assigned DPS Technical Supervisor providing officer/operator training, expert testimony, and service of intoxilyzer machines.

During the last 4 years, DPS serviced four SAPD intoxilyzer instruments used to conduct intoxilyzer tests daily, and certified numerous SAPD operators. The intoxilyzer instruments are utilized by DPS and SAPD. Currently, SAPD has 96 officers certified to conduct intoxilyzer tests, 24 hours a day/7 days a week, and one intoxilyzer Supervisor (civilian) certified to perform the tests and ensure the intoxilyzer machines are operating properly.

SAPD conducted the following intoxilyzer tests over the past 4 years:

Complete SAPD Subject Tests Conducted					
Year (Calendar)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Q1)
# of Tests	2,805	2,855	3,276	3,021	689

SAPD seeks to extend its contractual relationship with DPS to continue intoxilyzer maintenance services, expert testimony, and officer training services with DPS for the use of the intoxilyzer instruments. This Contract will commence upon full execution and will terminate April 27, 2029.

ISSUE:

This contract will provide the SAPD with a Texas DPS Technical Supervisor to train SAPD officers/operators, provide expert testimony, and maintenance of intoxilyzer machines to prevent disruption to DWI investigations.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The annual cost to the City associated with this contract is \$112,041.20 with a maximum cost of \$448,165 over a four-year contract term. Funding is available from FY2025 General Fund and funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

