

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police  
**AGENDA DATE:** August 19, 2008  
**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Commander Marco Spalloni – EPPD – 564-7141  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All districts (1 – 8)

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE** a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of El Paso and Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition to provide funding for a project addressed to prevent underage drinking and promote awareness activities. Amount of funding from Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition shall not exceed \$30,750.00.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The City of El Paso Police Department and Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition will work closely and collaboratively to address the troubling problem of underage drinking by providing the required police officers, vehicles, etc., needed to conduct underage drinking patrols around the City of El Paso from August 21, 2008 through September 30, 2008 (a period of six weeks).

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes – September, 2000 - participant of the EPTRIPPS Data Task Team with the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

This will be funded by a grant through Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition.

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)  
*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** James W. Milam **DATE:** 8/14/08

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**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the **CITY OF EL PASO** and **RIO GRANDE SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION, a Division of R.E. Thomason Hospital**, to provide funding for a project addressed to prevent underage drinking and promote awareness activities.

**APPROVED** this 19th day of August, 2008.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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John R. Batoon  
Assistant City Attorney

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

GRANT TO PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING AND  
PROMOTE AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition, a Division of R.E. Thomason Hospital, and the El Paso Police Department, is to:

- (1) Prevent Underage Drinking and Promote Awareness Activities
- (2) Collaborate on conducting underage drinking patrols in the El Paso, Texas area.
- (3) Build and/or enhance collaborative efforts between law enforcement and service providers that strengthen but do not duplicate existing service efforts.

II. BACKGROUND

The City of El Paso Police Department and Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition will work closely and collaboratively to address the troubling problem of underage drinking.

The Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition will provide funding for this project beginning August 21, 2008, that includes funding for:

- Underage drinking patrols conducted for a period of six weeks, 3 nights a week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., by eight El Paso Police Department officers utilizing up to four patrol cars.

III. GOALS

The goal of the collaborative is to prevent underage drinking and promote awareness activities:

IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. El Paso Police Department will conduct underage drinking patrols as described above. The El Paso Police Department agrees to provide the required vehicles, radio equipment, and officers for the underage drinking patrols to be conducted as set forth herein.
- B. Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition will provide all funding necessary for the underage drinking patrols up to a limit of \$30,750.00.

- C. Each Party shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its personnel. Nothing herein is intended to waive or limit sovereign immunity under Federal, State or Constitutional Law. To the extent allowed by law, the Parties agree to hold harmless each other from any claim, cause of action, or judgment resulting from the negligent acts of their respective employees.

V. IMPLEMENTAION

The conditions of this agreement become effective upon signing and are conditioned upon the El Paso Police Department being awarded the grant that would allow utilizing the project. This MOU will remain in effect until September 30, 2008. Any amendments to the MOU shall be in writing and executed in the same manner as the original MOU.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT:**

CITY OF EL PASO

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Joyce A. Wilson  
City Manager

ATTEST:

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Richarda D. Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM




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John R. Batoon  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT

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Gregory K. Allen  
Chief of Police

RIO GRANDE SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION  
A DIVISION OF R.E. THOMASON HOSPITAL

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Adriana Cadena  
SPF-SIG Project Coordinator