City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska Monday, October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting

Item Reports2

Council to consider the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Hazardous Devices Technicians Governing Group and ratify the Mayor's signature.

Staff Contact: Rick Kuckkahn, City Manager

Nebraska Hazardous Devices Technicians Governing Group

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and the member agencies of the Nebraska Hazardous Devices Technicians Governing Group (NHDTGG) to govern the formation, participation and related cooperation of the members of the NHDTGG. This MOU supersedes all previous NHDTGG MOUs.

Objectives

The overall objective of the NHDTGG is to establish policies and guidelines for appropriation of equipment and facilitation of training for public safety Hazardous Device Technicians (HDTs). The member agencies intend to engage in shared decision-making with regard to identification, procurement and distribution of HDT-related equipment and provision of training on explosives and terrorist-related incidents to HDTs, law enforcement and public safety first responders on a statewide basis.

In order to meet these objectives, the NHDTGG will address the following issues:

- Funding/Grant Disbursement
- Appropriate Equipment Designation
- Appropriate Training Needs and Audience
- Audit Trails

Composition of the Nebraska Hazardous Devices Technicians Governing Group

The Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, or designee, will serve as Chair of the NHDTGG. The NHDTGG is also comprised of one Agency Director or Municipal Official from each agency in the State of Nebraska having a Bomb Squad. Those agencies include the following law enforcement and public safety agencies:

- Bureau of Fire Prevention, Lincoln, NE
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Omaha Police Department, Omaha, NE
- Scottsbluff Police Department, Scottsbluff, NE

Each Agency Director or Municipal Official is a Voting Member of the group. The Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety shall designate an individual to serve as a Voting Member on behalf of the Nebraska State Patrol. The Chair of the NHTGG will vote only in a tie situation as outlined below. Bomb Squad Commanders (as defined by National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians) from each agency above shall attend meetings of the NHDTGG and may serve as the designee for the Voting Member from his or her agency.

Issues will be decided among NHDTGG Voting Members by vote. Each Voting Member of the NHDTGG shall have an equal vote. After a proper motion has been made, a second to the motion is required to bring any issue to vote. The motion will pass when a majority of the voting members vote in the affirmative. The NHDTGG shall strive to achieve unanimous consent for all major decisions. If there is a tie among NHDTGG Voting Members, the Chair of the NHDTGG will cast the deciding vote.

The NHDTGG may appoint an Advisory Group of allied peers as they relate to Bomb Squad operations, training and equipment. Advisory Group members may provide input but may not participate in voting of the NHDTGG.

Applicability

The undersigned member agencies agree that they each maintain a current, accredited Bomb Squad as defined in the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians and employ certified HDTs as defined in the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians.

Implementation of MOU

Members of the NHDTGG will meet on a regular basis. The NHDTGG may, as appropriate, establish subcommittees comprised of other staff within the member agencies to address special issues.

Authority

Each individual signing this agreement on behalf of his or her member agency certifies he or she has the authority to enter into this agreement and to bind said agency.

Financial

The NHDTGG may apply for funding from grants and other sources. Funds may be provided to the NHDTGG from other entities. Any funding obtained by the NHDTGG shall be administered through the Nebraska State Patrol and shall be used to carry out the Objectives discussed in this MOU as directed by the NHDTGG.

Amendments

This MOU may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and the member agencies of the NHDTGG.

Page 2 of 3

Termination

This MOU may be terminated by mutual agreement of the Superintendent of the NSP and the member agencies of the NHDTGG. If a member agency of the NHDTGG chooses to terminate its participation in the MOU, it can do so by providing thirty days written notice to the Chair of the NHDTGG.

As a member of the NHDTGG, the undersigned parties agree to abide by and uphold the conditions set forth in this MOU:

David Sankey, Colonel Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety Nebraska State Patrol 1600 Highway 2 Lincoln, NE 68509

Todd Schmaderer Chief of Police **Omaha Police Department** 505 South 15th Street Omaha, NE 68102-2769

Chris Beutler Mayor City of Lincoln 555 South 10th Street, Suite 208 Lincoln, NE 68508

Bandy Meininger Mayor City of Scottsbluff 2525 Circle Drive Scottsbluff, NE 69361

6/26/13 Date

7-29-13

Date

29-13 Date

12/2013

Page 3 of 3