



## Legislation Text

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Submitted by: Acting Chief Scott Dunklee  
Submitting Department: Police Department  
Agenda Section: Consent

**Item Title:**

**The Greater Metropolitan Washington Area Police Mutual Aid Operational Plan (MAOP)**

**Suggested Action:**

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to sign the renewal of the Police Mutual Aid Operational Plan from the Washington Area Council of Governments, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**Summary Background:**

The City has maintained a mutual operations agreement with surrounding jurisdictions for many years. It has benefitted the City and other jurisdictions when there are staffing shortages, or when additional support is needed. This Mutual Operations Plan is a renewal of the December 2005 Council of Governments (COG) Police Mutual Aid Operational Plan (MAOP) that would be used if police departments in the region require assistance or resources to help each other in case of an emergency.

The MAOP intends to create and describe relationships and to provide general direction and guidance rather than specify the operations of responding agencies. Therefore, although all functions and responsibilities under this MAOP may be assigned to employees or units of multiple jurisdictions or participants, it remains the duty of the affected jurisdiction to coordinate the appropriate tasks necessary to mitigate the emergency or public service event.

This MAOP does not prevent any of the parties from entering into cooperative agreements with any other entity for mutual cooperation during normal, day-to-day operations.

**Next Steps:**

Approval by Council and Signature of City Administrator

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**City Administrator Comments:**

Recommend approval.

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Strategic Goals:**

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

**Legal Review Required?**

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