



## Legislation Text

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Submitting Department: Police Department  
Agenda Section: Consent

**Item Title:**

**MOU with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (AFIS)**

**Suggested Action:**

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to sign Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on behalf of the Hyattsville City Police Department to continue as a regional participating jurisdiction with the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and authorize the city to expend an amount not to exceed \$8,194.

**Summary Background:**

The AFIS allows for rapid search of latent fingerprints from crime scenes developed through arrest/booking process from multiple agencies in the National Capital Region (NCR). The combined regional sharing of AFIS data has resulted in an arrest database with many records on independent yet connected sites available to all approved law enforcement personnel.

The NCR AFIS provides a secure platform to rapidly search and compare latent fingerprints from crime scenes against a criminal database of more than 2 million arrest records that include fingerprints, palm prints, mugshots, and demographic information. The data saved and retrieved from AFIS database assists law enforcement personnel in solving crimes by matching latent prints with individuals who have a criminal history. The system also supports terrorism preparedness through data links with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Terrorist Screening Center Watch List.

**Next Steps:**

City Administrator's signature of MOU, submission of MOU to COG and remittance of funds.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$8,194.00

**City Administrator Comments:**

Recommend approval.

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Strategic Goals:**

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

**Legal Review Required?**

Pending