



Staff Report: Renew Joint Powers Agreement - State of MN and Internet Crimes against Children Program

This request is to renew a Joint Powers agreement with the State of Minnesota that was originally approved in January 2017. As was discussed then, the incidents of exploitation of children and the use of technology to transmit images and perpetuate these crimes against children are increasing across the country. This Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota will allow the Waite Park Police Department to become an affiliate agency of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This affiliation will allow the Waite Park Police Department to access and share information with State authorities and other law agencies information as it relates to investigations of cases involving the exploitation of children and will enhance our efforts to prevent these types of crimes against children. Further this agreement provides participating agencies with uniformity and expectations when it comes to investigations of these cases. The Waite Park Police Department has been actively involved in the investigation of human trafficking cases in Central Minnesota some of those cases have involved juvenile victims. There is no cost associated with entering into this agreement and does not involved adding staff but it will facilitate investigation of these cases. The agreement will give us access to additional resources, equipment and training as needed in the future.