



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: November 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) -
- Memorandum of Understanding – ATF/LPD Violent Crimes Task Force

Request

Authorization to accept the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), for the ATF/LPD Violent Crimes Task Force. This MOU is effective with the signatures of all parties and terminates at the close of business on October 30, 2027.

Why are you requesting?

This agreement allows for the ATF and Lexington Police Department (LPD) to cooperate as a violent crimes task force to investigate persons who violate Federal firearms and explosives laws as well as persons who use, carry or possess firearms or destructive devices in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime or a crime of violence.

The Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:

- a. Investigate firearms trafficking
- b. Investigate firearms related violent crime
- c. Gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in firearms
- d. Conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Kentucky.

The attached agreement requires the Mayor's signature. Upon approval and signing, please forward original agreement to the Chief's Office to acquire additional signature. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

File Number: 1224-22

Director: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department

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