



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: January 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding – United States Marshals Service  
Fugitive Task Force

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**Request**

Authorization to accept a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Fugitive Task Force.

**Why are you requesting?**

The primary mission of the task force is to investigate and arrest, as part of joint law enforcement operations, persons who have active warrants for their arrest. The intent of the joint effort is to investigate and apprehend federal, local, state tribal, and territorial fugitives, thereby improving public safety and reducing violent crime. Each participating agency agrees to refer cases for which they hold the primary warrant for the subject to the Regional Fugitive Task Force (RFTF) or Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF) for adoption and investigation. Cases will be adopted by the RFTF/VOTF at the discretion of the RFTF/VOTF Chief Inspector/Chief Deputy. Targeted crimes will primarily include violent crimes against persons, weapons offenses, felony drug offenses, failure to register as a sex offender, and crimes committed by subjects who have a criminal history involving violent crimes, felony drug offenses, and/or weapons offenses. Upon receipt of a written request, the RFTF/VOTF may also adopt non-participating law enforcement agencies in investigating, locating and arresting their fugitives. Task force personnel will be assigned federal and adopted fugitive cases for investigation. Investigative teams will consist of personnel from different agencies whenever possible. Participating agencies retain responsibility for the cases they refer to the RFTF/VOTF. The Lexington Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council to authorize Mayor Gorton to sign the attached MOU. Upon signing, please return a fully signed copy to the Chief's Office.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** No budgetary impact

**Are the funds budgeted?** N/A



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**Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief  
Lexington Police Department**

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