



COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Northern Gila County Regional Dispatching Center

MEETING DATE: 01/21/2016

SUBMITTED BY: Donald B. Engler

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

AMOUNT BUDGETED:

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

POSSIBLE MOTION:

I move that the Payson Police Department move forward with exploring the possibility of combining the Payson Police Department Dispatch Center with the Gila County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center to become Northern Gila County Regional Dispatching Center.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

The Payson Police Department is inquiring of the Payson Town Council as to whether or not they would like to consider having the Police Department further explore the possibility of combining the Gila County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center with the Payson Police Department Dispatch Center to handle dispatching for the entire Northern Region of Gila County.

This type of joint venture would be supported and funded by the Gila County Sheriff's Department as well as the Payson Police Department. At least during the initial assessment, it appears that there is adequate funding from the Gila County Sheriff's Department to support the employees of that dispatch center moving to the Payson Police Department's Dispatch Center and becoming Town of Payson employees.

If that is the desire of the Council, the recommended date for this endeavor to begin is July 1, 2016. By acknowledging this motion, the Payson Police Department and the Gila County Sheriff's Department will work together and complete an overall six month plan for this joint venture to be accomplished and return to the Payson Town Council for final approval.

PROS: Only having one Dispatch Center in Northern Gila County will enable an efficiency in dispatching emergency resources to the areas needed in a more expedient and efficient manner. Combining the current resources of the Payson Police Department and the Gila County Sheriff's Department will provide immediate relief for both dispatch centers which are currently understaffed. The Payson Police Department and the Gila County Sheriff's Department will no longer be competing for the employees in the same employment field.

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- CONS:** 1. There could be some additional expense required by both departments to move this forward. This will include equipment and employee costs.
2. There will be a training period in which the current Dispatch personnel from both agencies will need to receive training in new areas.
3. The Town of Payson will assume some additional responsibility to include dispatching for the Gila County Sheriff's Department in Northern Gila County, the Gisela Fire Department and the Tonto Apache Police Department.

FUNDING:

Acct:	Budget:	Available:	Expense:	Remaining:
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