



Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum

Date: March 5, 2026

To: Mayor Chip Wilson

From: Chief Michael Pooley

Subject: Resolution 26-09 – Retroactive authorization for City to enter into IGA between AZ DPS and City in acceptance of overtime expenses for local border support.

In 2025, overtime funding in the amount of \$136,000 became available from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) for local border support relating to deterring, apprehending, prosecuting and detaining individuals charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related criminal activity within the City. To reserve this extraordinary funding opportunity, on December 18, 2025, I as police chief, signed the IGA and now seek retroactive authorization.

Participation in this agreement strengthens Apache Junction Police Department’s (“AJPD”) ability to combat organized criminal activity that impacts the City. It provides additional resources, coordination, and intelligence-sharing opportunities with DPS, enhancing overall effectiveness in fighting crime and maintaining public safety.

This funding for overtime will provide significant professional development benefits for AJPD sworn personnel. Officers will gain valuable experience working alongside other law enforcement agencies throughout the Valley during unique regional and large-scale events. These assignments include real-time crowd management training, participation in coordinated operational deployments and the development of strong professional relationships with partnering agencies.