

TOWN *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Stanton and Town Council Members

FROM: Andrew Ching, Town Manager
Freeman Carney, Chief of Police

DATE: May 8, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Police Department
Freeman Carney, 480 948-7410

AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Creation of and Participation in the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team (AZCART)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Creation of and Participation in the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team and authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

AZCART is a regional law enforcement task force established to provide a pool of specialized investigators dedicated to intensive investigative, preventive, and general law enforcement efforts. Its primary focus is on cases involving abducted and at-risk missing children.

Through this agreement, participating agencies may request and provide mutual law enforcement assistance to address serious violations of law, including child kidnapping, abduction, false imprisonment, and related crimes. The agreement supports coordinated investigation, arrest, and prosecution efforts, including the recovery of abducted children, by leveraging both state and federal laws.

Given the proximity of participating agencies, this collaboration enhances the ability to respond effectively to multi-jurisdictional criminal activity through the exchange of resources and services.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Some overtime costs may be involved if an incident occurs and one of our investigators responds.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Staff Report
- B. Intergovernmental Agreement (AZCART)