

NEW BUSINESS

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***Imperial County Gang Intelligence
Coalition Conference Sponsorship***

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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: IMPERIAL COUNTY GANG INTELLIGENCE COALITION (ICGIC) GANG CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP.

1. APPROVAL TO SPONSOR THE 2015 ICGIC GANG CONFERENCE AND LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP.

DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: Police Dept.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition (ICGIC) serves as an intelligence sharing group on current threats and/or incidents presented by and/or involving prison gangs, street gangs, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) and Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCO) operating inside and traversing the Imperial Valley. The information shared will support in monitoring and collaborating for action against identified and suspected gang members. Furthermore, the intelligence sharing will assist ICGIC members in developing and/or identifying intelligence gaps, anomalies, statistics, trends and patterns in an effort to combat any illicit gang activity within Imperial County.

ICGIC will be hosting a Gang Conference for law enforcement officers October 2015 which will be held at the Quechan Resort (refer to attached flyer for further information). We are requesting a \$3,000.00 sponsorship from the City of Imperial to help with cost of instructors, facility rental, study material and other items needed for training.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$3,000.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve this sponsorship at the level of \$3,000.00

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

MANAGER'S INITIALS MDB

MOTION:

SECONDED:
 AYES:
 NAYES:
 ABSENT:

APPROVED () REJECTED ()
 DISAPPROVED () DEFERRED ()
 REFERRED TO:



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Please consider this letter as a request for your help in supporting the men and women throughout the Imperial County who serve and protect us in the communities in which we live and work, often at the expense of their own lives, each and every day.

The **Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition (ICGIC)**, a non-profit organization, was established in 2013 by a group of law enforcement professionals who recognized the significance of having a gang based information sharing system directed at the eradication of criminal street gangs within and around Imperial County. A trend has continued along the southwest border, where established criminal street gangs have periodically and increasingly joined the existing transnational criminal organizations, bringing the potential of further criminal networking to a new and more threatening level. We respectfully ask you to join us and help secure our border communities!

The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition is seeking your sponsorship for our 1st Annual Gang Intelligence Conference to take place on October 26-28 2015 at The Quechan Casino Resort. This year's theme will be ***Transnational Gangs and Our Communities***. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 that will be used for the conference and in its preparation. In order to meet this goal, we are asking for sponsorships from local businesses, individuals and organizations such as yours.

Our conference will host guest speakers from diverse backgrounds who will deliver the most current information on gang trends as they relate to our unique border communities. Law enforcement officials, as well as dignitaries from throughout the region, have been invited and the conference is expected to be attended by well over three hundred Law Enforcement professionals. ICGIC has and will continue to provide free gang awareness and identification training lessons to various professional organizations, including school and civic groups, throughout the year that are in need of this important information, and function under a limited budget.

Currently, ICGIC is interested in establishing on-going successful partnerships with Law Enforcement agencies to stand with us in the fight against these criminal organizations that are infecting our communities. We are humbly asking for your commitment to unify our efforts towards our mission, and are respectfully requesting your partnership as a primary donor to assist us in the long-lasting progress of this coalition.

In closing, we hope that we can count on you to help support our cause in offering training and education that can save and change, not only Law Enforcement officers lives, but the lives of citizens and youth throughout our communities. You will be contacted in the next several days to further discuss the many ways you can assist the coalition. We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration, and look forward for the opportunity to work together.

Respectfully,
Leonard J. Barra
Chairman ICGIC
Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition