

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: May 27, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Participation in Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS)

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Police

**PREPARED BY:** Jim Maxson, Police Chief

**AGENDA LOCATION:** Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,  
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

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**ATTACHMENTS:** (a) Data Sharing Agreement between Prescott Valley and Arizona Board of Regents for Arizona State University, and (b) Frequently-Asked Questions

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:** At the beginning of this year, the Police Department was contacted by the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety at Arizona State University about entering into an agreement (similar to agreements with other Arizona agencies) to participate in the Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS) administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Arizona Department of Health Services had asked the Center to help coordinate this project in Arizona.

The purpose of the VDRS is to collect data nationwide related to violent deaths - homicides and suicides in order to inform public policy, contribute to community needs assessments and grant proposals, and guide resource allocation. Although the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) and the Supplemental Homicide Reports (SHR) already collect some information that overlaps with data sought as part of the VDRS, the VDRS seeks more detailed incident level information as well as information about accidental firearm deaths and suicides.

The CDC has required that participating states obtain separate agreements with local agencies with regard to the collection and protection of the information. To-date, the ASU Center has either written or verbal agreements from ADHS, Apache Junction, Coconino County, Flagstaff, Glendale, Kingman, Maricopa County, Maricopa, Oro Valley, Phoenix, Peoria, Pima County, Pinal County, Prescott, Tucson, and Yavapai County. The attached agreement with Prescott Valley has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and, after some modifications accepted by the ASU Center, he is willing to recommend approval.

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**OPTIONS ANALYSIS:** The Town Council may approve the Agreement for the Police Department to provide violent death information as part of the VDRS, suggest further revisions prior to approval, OR decline to approve the Agreement.

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**ACTION OPTION:** Motion to approve a Data Sharing Agreement between the Town and the Arizona Board of Regents (for ASU) for the Town to participate in the CDC Violent Death Reporting System. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of this Data Sharing Agreement with the ASU Center.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** The data collection and transmittal requirements of this Agreement may add some additional administrative cost to Town police staff over time. However, staff does not anticipate that the cost will be significant.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved  Denied  Tabled/Deferred  Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_