

Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force

Inter-agency Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into this 29th day of November, 2001, by and between the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force and Beltrami County, Hubbard County, Clearwater County, Lake of the Woods County, Cass County, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the City of Bemidji, their Sheriffs, County Attorneys and Police Chiefs, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. All located in the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE I – Purpose

To create cooperative law enforcement efforts that involve full-time investigator(s) dedicated to narcotics investigations, a person who is responsible for all operations, and a system for sharing intelligence information among participating agencies. Establishing an Advisory Board, Coordinating Agency and Fiscal Agency.

ARTICLE II – Advisory Board

The Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force Advisory Board is hereby established. Membership on the Board will be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) of participating jurisdictions. The County Attorneys of member jurisdiction shall be ex-officio members or non-voting members of the Board. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected by majority vote, annually. There are no term limits. The Chair will set meetings on, at minimum, a quarterly basis (January, April, July, and October).

ARTICLE III – Contributions

Funds for the operation of the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force are acquired from grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Drug Policy, personnel provided by member agencies and cash memberships of participating jurisdictions. Cash participation is based upon a membership fee charged annually on a per capita basis utilizing the most recent Federal census, for each participating jurisdiction. The current rate is \$1.67. The rate may be changed by a majority vote of the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE IV – Coordinating Agency

The coordinating agency for the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task force is the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension with one Special Agent assigned as coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for day to day operations of the staff including supervision of staff, intelligence sharing, management of confidential funds and coordination with other agencies. The coordinator will also be responsible for developing and complying with task force policies and procedures.

ARTICLE V – Fiscal Agency

The fiscal agency for the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force is the City of Bemidji Police Department. It is responsible for the fiscal management of the task force grant and other resources, such as cash contributions, forfeiture proceeds, restitution, fines and other program income and provides oversight of confidential funds.

ARTICLE VI - Liability

The home agency of the individual agent shall provide liability responsibility for its' task force staff and specific task force actions and operations. In addition, all agents are cross-deputized giving them additional authority and protection.

ARTICLE VII - Forfeiture & Termination

The Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force, in the course of carrying out their duties, seizes property subject to forfeiture under Minnesota Statutes §609.531, et seq. It is hereby agreed by the signatories that all property subject for forfeiture under Minnesota Statutes §609.531, et seq., which is seized by the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force, shall be used, managed and disposed of according to the following:

1. Cash or other negotiable items shall become the property of the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force.
2. All other property shall be offered for use in the following order of priority:
 - a. Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force.
 - b. Member county or city from which property was seized.
 - c. Other member counties or cities, as directed by the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force Board of Directors.

At the conclusion of use of property by the member counties or cities under the above priorities, the property shall be returned to the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force for sale. Proceeds from such sale shall be treated as cash under item 1, above.


3. Upon dissolution of the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force, all assets of the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force shall be liquidated, and shall be disbursed to the member counties and cities, based upon their percentage of population of all current member counties and cities. Such assets shall then be disbursed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §609.5315, Subd. 5.
4. Upon the withdrawal of the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force by any member county or city, such county or city shall forfeit any and all claim to any seized or forfeited property, unless the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force dissolves within sixty (60) days of said withdrawal.

It is further agreed that all existing money, property, or proceeds from property seized by the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force pursuant to §609.531, shall be the property of the Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force, and subject to this agreement.

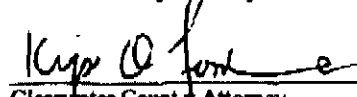
This Agreement may be amended at any time, upon the vote of a majority of the member counties and cities.

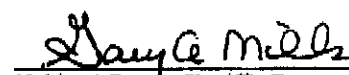
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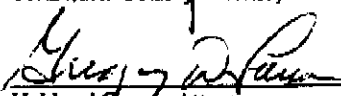

Beltrami County Sheriff's Dept.


Beltrami County Attorney


Clearwater County Sheriff's Dept.


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Hubbard County Sheriff's Dept.


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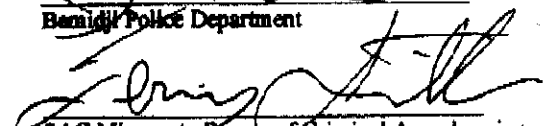

Cass County Sheriff's Dept.


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Leech Lake Tribal Police Dept.


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Bemidji Police Department

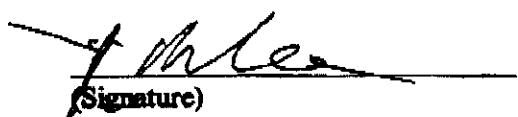

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

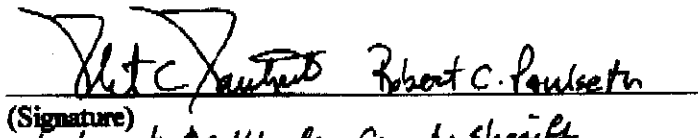
Be it resolved that Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Chief J. Bruce Preece is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments, as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force. I certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Advisory Board of the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force on December 20, 2001.

SIGNED:

WITNESSETH:



(Signature)



(Signature)

Chief J. Bruce Preece

(Title)

Lake of the Woods County Sheriff
Paul Bunyan Task Force Board

(Title)

12-20-01

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