

IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE

06.17 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENTS

I. General

- A. The ISP partners with local, state and federal agencies for effective public safety operations. Written agreements defining the roles and responsibilities of participants prior to engaging in specific joint operations are essential and must consistently address certain elements. This procedure sets forth the elements to consider in ISP multi-jurisdictional task force (MJTF) agreements. While not every agreement will require all the elements in this procedure, these elements must be reviewed for relevance and applied when useful for clarifying the agreement.

II. Definitions

- A. “Multi-jurisdictional task force” means a cooperative grouping of individuals and assets from multiple agencies across jurisdictions to achieve a common, specific, time-limited goal.

III. Elements of the MJTF Agreement

- A. Assign personnel to the task force:
 - 1. specifically name the individuals assigned to the task force; and
 - 2. specifically state a duration for the assignment.
- B. Identify the purpose of the task force:
 - 1. state the need for the task force; and
 - 2. state the goal or goals of the task force.
- C. Define the authority of the task force and the individual responsibilities to include staffing, equipment, case assignments, reports, evidence and any other relevant activities.
 - 1. Establish accountability:
 - 2. designate a supervisor and define the supervisor’s authority over the assigned personnel;
 - 3. state specifically to whom the supervisor reports;
 - 4. assign responsibility for liability of personnel, work units or member agencies assigned to the task force.
 - 5. ISP officers assigned to Federal Task Forces continue to be supervised (outside of the realm of the task force operations) and evaluated by their ISP supervisor.

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D. Identify available resources:

1. designate specific agencies to provide specific resources;
2. if equipment is purchased in the name of the task force, designate projected distribution of the equipment after the task force is terminated. Any contract for purchase must be reviewed by the ISP Financial Services Office prior to signature (for ISP-led task force operations);
3. specifically outline the distribution of any anticipated forfeitures.

E. Evaluate the results and continued need for the task force.