

# NORTH METRO TASK FORCE IGA AMENDMENT

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## STRATEGIC FOCUS ON A SAFE, ACTIVE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

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# NORTH METRO TASK FORCE (NMTF)

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- The purpose of the Task Force is to investigate individuals involved in trafficking illegal drugs in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Adams and Broomfield Counties.
- Member agencies: Adams County Sheriff's Office, Police Departments of Brighton, Broomfield, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster.
- Founded in 1991 through an Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Established as a separate legal entity with a governing board in 2007.

# THE NEED FOR THE THIRD AMENDMENT

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- Originally the IGA provided for the NMTF to establish a forfeiture fund to receive forfeitures related to the seizure of money, personal property and real estate.
- The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) is proposing changes to the process of how funds will be distributed in the future.
- NMTF will be precluded from directly receiving proceeds.
- Each participating agency will now receive a portion of seizure funds as determined by the Court adjudicating the case.

# AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

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- 7.9.6 FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF TASK FORCE OPERATIONS. IN THE EVENT FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE, THOSE FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE PARTIES OF THE TASK FORCE BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF THE PARTY'S ANNUAL MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE TASK FORCE FOR THE YEAR THE FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. EACH PARTY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A TIMELY APPLICATION FOR THOSE FUNDS AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECEIPT, ACCOUNTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES, REGULATIONS AND LAWS GOVERNING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS.



# RECOMMENDATION

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- The inability of the Task Force to receive funds directly has resulted in an increased financial assessment. The 2019 assessment increased 76% to \$54,516.
- Approval of the Third Amendment to the IGA will allow the City of Brighton to apply for seizure funds to recoup some of the additional assessment.
- Brighton's fund share, based on population, will be 6.8%.
- Funds received must be used for law enforcement purposes.