



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0296

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement with Langley Productions, Inc. to Produce
Episodes of COPS with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Langley Productions, Inc. to produce episodes of COPS with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager.

Background

Langley Productions, creators and producers of COPS, which is an American documentary television series following law enforcement activities and one of the longest-running programs in the United States and the second-longest on Fox, wishes to feature the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) in its program. The coverage of FLPD could potentially aid FLPD in recruiting and brand awareness.

City staff has been negotiating with the production company regarding filming impacts. Langley Productions agrees to respect officers' regular work obligations and Department operations utilizing only volunteers for filming. The Police Department recommends agreement approval, concurring with minimal operational impact and FLPD's right to review and edit footage before airing. Langley Productions will pay for all costs, submit required certificates of insurance, and indemnify the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risk

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Langley Productions Filming Agreement

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