

Memorandum



DATE: December 30, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **DPD Response to Bank Robberies**

Attached is briefing material on the "DPD Response to Bank Robberies" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, January 5, 2009.

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Attachment



DPD RESPONSE TO BANK ROBBERIES

Presentation to Public Safety

January 5, 2009



Bank Robbery Squad

- Consists of a robbery sergeant and two detectives
- Squad members are part of the FBI Major Offenders/Violent Crimes Joint Task Force
- Respond with the FBI to bank robberies in the North Texas region

Bank Robberies

From 2005 to 2007 Dallas mirrored the national trend with a spike in bank robberies

Year	# of Robberies
2005	38
2006	110
2007	99

SAFE BANKING INITIATIVE

- Researched best practices in bank robbery prevention to develop an initiative that would help banks take steps to deter robberies
- Resulted in personal visits and letters to every bank robbed the previous year
- Listed eleven safety and precautionary measures for banks to consider

Recommended Deterrence Practices

- Closed Circuit Television Systems
- Greeters
- Dye packs/serialized currency
- Height markers
- Employee training
- Employee instructions
- Unobstructed views
- Signage
- Communications
- Alarm systems
- Bullet-resistant bandit barriers

Use of Technology

- Sponsored by the banking industry
- All patrol divisions have access to the technology to assist in apprehension
- Training and coordination of the technology is the responsibility of the Bank Robbery Squad Sergeant
- Not all banks use it

Scarecrow Bandits

- Offenses occurred between July 2007 and April 2008
- A total of 21 offenses with 11 committed in the City of Dallas
- Used a multi-agency task force
- Seven suspects arrested

Results

- Through December 15, 2008 there have been 57 bank robberies in the City of Dallas, a reduction of over 40% compared to 2007
- The DPD bank robbery squad continues to evaluate bank robbery trends and takes measures for prevention

QUESTIONS?