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

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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?