

Memorandum



DATE: January 14, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Forensic Analysis of Criminal Evidence - Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas Interlocal Agreement

In 1969, the City withdrew from a joint Criminal Investigations Laboratory operation with Dallas County. Thereafter, laboratory services were a function of the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and the laboratory became known as the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas (SWIFS). SWIFS continues to provide a broad range of evidence analyses for both the Police and Fire Departments. In 1999, the first annual interlocal agreement for these services was approved.

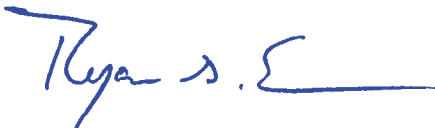
SWIFS' services include analyses of drug evidence, DNA analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analyses, examination of firearms and tool marks (matching bullets to weapons that fired them), and identification of fire accelerants. These services are vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of crime.

The proposed interlocal agreement will provide services from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

FUNDING

Police	\$2,000,000	Fund 0412, Agency DPD, ORG 6368, Object 3040
Police	\$1,795,000	Fund 0001, Agency DPD, ORG 2162, Object 3040
Fire	\$ 5,000	Fund 0001, Agency DFD, ORG 2042, Object 3040

With your approval, this interlocal agreement will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 26, 2011.



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