

Safer Dallas Better Dallas

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Safer Dallas Mission

Mission of “Safer Dallas Better Dallas”

(1) to protect the citizens of Dallas from becoming victims of crime and to engage them a partnership with Dallas Police

(2) to support the efforts of our Dallas police officers

(3) to make Dallas America’s Safest City

Safer Dallas History

- Safer Dallas Better Dallas”, a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in the summer of 2005 by Jack Hammack and Charles Terrell.
- Over 75 Dallas business and community leaders chose to join the new organization’s Steering Committee to show their support for Dallas police.
- Safer Dallas works to accomplish its goals by raising money from Dallas foundations, businesses, and citizens to purchase equipment and training for our Dallas police officers.

Safer Dallas Results

- A record \$15 million grant to the Dallas Police Department by the Caruth Fund of the Communities Foundation of Texas.
- \$5 million of the \$15 million grant funded the first “priority wish list” of our police department and purchased equipment such as the latest camera technology for police cars, back seats barriers for police cars to protect our officers, and cell phones for our investigators.

Safer Dallas Results

- A grant of \$840,000 from the Meadows Foundation that resulted in elevated, digital cameras to cover the Central Business District.
- The purchase of several hundred AR 15 assault rifles for our police officers made possible by the generosity and leadership of a prominent businessman, Rotary Club of Dallas, and individual citizens.

New Police Institute

On January 8, 2008 the Communities Foundation of Texas announced the award of the final phase of the grant, which is \$9.5 million, to fund the creation of the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Police Institute at Dallas in collaboration with the University of North Texas System and located at the new UNT Dallas campus.

2007 Public Safety Accomplishments

- Violent crime rate at 30 year low
- Non-violent crime rate at 39 year low
- Total crime rate at 39 year low
- Total crime is down 15.3% since 2003
 - This equates to 17,554 fewer criminal offenses

DPD Challenges

Crime reduction

- The City Council has established the following goals for the police department
 - Reduce total crime by 8% in 2008
 - By 2011, Dallas crime rate no longer ranked in top 5 among cities of 1 million or more population

Sworn Staffing

- DPD has established a goal of hiring 200 officers over attrition in FY 07/08
- DPD is currently at 2.5 officers per 1000 population

Safer Dallas Better Dallas DPD Funding Opportunities

• Recruiting Advertising	\$500,000
• Downlink System for Helicopter	\$282,400
• E Citation Printers	\$275,000
• Reality-Based Training Equipment	\$20,160
• Protective Shields for Mounted Unit	\$5,000
• Search Camera Enhancements	\$2,425
• TOTAL	\$1,084,985

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Focus on Re-entry

“Safer Dallas Better Dallas” is now addressing the challenge of re-entry into our community by hundreds of parolees from prison each month. We must find jobs and support for these ex-offenders or they will return to crime or become homeless.

Safer Dallas Better Dallas Steering Committee

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Wick Allison
Ruth Altshuler
Rick Anderssen
Barry Andrews
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“We’re in this fight together”

We are available for your questions