

Memorandum



DATE: April 1, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Crime Scene Section Enhancements**

Attached is briefing material on the "Crime Scene Section Enhancements" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, April 4, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan S. Evans".

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Attachment

CC: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council

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Crime Scene Section Enhancements

Public Safety Committee

April 4, 2011



Purpose

- To inform Public Safety Committee of technical and operational improvements designed to enhance the collection of evidence, sharing of intelligence information and overall efficiency of crime scene related operations
- Describe the digital image software and database which will provide immediate access to crime scene photographs by investigative and supervisory personnel
- Describe programs to provide enhanced customer service and increase the value of forensic evidence

Crime Scene Statistics

	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
Property Crime Scenes Calls	14,600	14,689
CAPERS Crime Scenes Calls	6,680	7,304
Total Crime Scene Calls	21,280	21,993
AFIS Identifications	821	722
Identifications since Inception	Over 19,000 to date	
AFIS Inquiries	5,134	6,838
AFIS Tenprint to Latent Inquiries	31,668	25,861
Manual Comparisons	1,453	1,335

Digital Imaging Project

- Collaboration between the Police Department and CIS has resulted in the successful implementation of a multi-year digital sharing project
- Police Officers in Patrol and Investigative Units will be able to immediately upload evidentiary images and assigned Detectives and Supervisors can review from their workstations in a timely manner
- The system replaces a manual, manpower intensive and costly process which required copying images to CD's or DVD's and sending via interoffice mail

Imaging Software

Digital Crime Scene v 2.16 - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Dallas Police Department

http://apdpdcsrufcswebdotnet/csweb.aspx

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Digital Crime Scene v 2.16

Digital Crime Scene : Record Display Version 2.16

User

Case

1. Description | 2. Additional Info

Case Id: 46954y

Case Description:

Case Type: Residential Burglary

Status: Active Inactive

Narrative Journal Supervisors Security

Call

3. Description | 4. People | 5. Address | 6. Additional Info

Call Id: 5

Call Description:


Response Date: Time:

Entry Date: Time:

Narrative Journal Documents Notify 5 of 5

Images

7. Single Image | 8. Multiple Images



9. Description | 10. Additional Info

Image Id: 32182 Rotation: 0

Original Id:

Description:

Categories: [0]

Status: Verified Not Verified

Narrative Journal Security

Zoom Print Export

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Development of Forensic Specialists

- Progressively utilizing forensically trained civilians when possible to collect and process evidence
- Career path established to further develop team member skills and provide advancement opportunities
- Provide needed expertise to address challenges in the forensic field and provide effective and efficient response to the community

Patrol Officer Program

- One patrol officer from each Division is selected for a 6 month special assignment in Crime Scene
- Officers receive extensive academic and field training in crime scene recognition and processing
- Officers leave the program with enhanced skills and are capable of processing most property crime scenes, providing improved customer service

AFIS Program

- The automated fingerprint system continues to provide valuable criminal intelligence information to Detectives and Investigative Units
- We search latent prints from property and persons offenses in the DPS AFIS and FBI IAFIS systems, which combined provide a database of over 110 million fingerprint records
- Some Dallas County agencies have begun submitting criminal palm prints to the DPS AFIS and we have been successful in identifying some cases to date. We will work with the appropriate agencies to fully utilize this technology in the future

Questions?