

Memorandum



DATE: May 16, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Dallas Police Department Update**

Attached is briefing material on the "Dallas Police Department Update" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, May 19, 2008.

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Attachment



Dallas Police Department Update

Public Safety Committee

May 19, 2008



DPD 2007 Crime Results

- 200 murders in 2007 equated to the 2nd lowest murder rate in the past 40 years – 15.6 murders per 100,000 population
 - 2nd only to 2006 at 15.0 per 100,000
- Total crime was the lowest in 39 years at 75.92 per 1,000 population
 - 4th consecutive year of total crime reduction
- Violent crime was the lowest in 30 years at 10.35 per 1,000 population
 - 6th consecutive year of violent crime reduction
- Non-violent crime was the lowest in 39 years at 65.57 per 1,000 population
 - 4th consecutive year of non-violent crime reduction
- 17,554 fewer criminal offenses in 2007 than in 2003, a 15.3% reduction

2006 UCR Crime Comparison

Top 44 Cities

(400,000+ Population)

- Dallas' murder rate was 16th with 15.0 per 100K population
 - 5th among cities with 1 million or more population
- Dallas' violent crime rate was 14th with 12.06 per 1,000 population
- Dallas' total crime rate was 6th with 80.63 per 1,000 population

2008 Key Indicators

April 30, 2008

- Murder down 18.7%
- Violent crime down 8.3%
- Non-violent crime up 2.5%
- Total crime up 1.0%
- Response times for combined Priority 1 and 2 calls reduced 26% from 17.58 minutes on October 1, 2007 to current 13.08 minutes
- Visibility

Policy/Procedure Enhancements

- Eliminated use of neck restraint
- Revised pursuit policy
 - Officer injury due to pursuits down 90% in 2007 vs. 2005
 - No citizen deaths since implementation of policy (2 in 2005)
- Crisis Intervention Training/Response to mentally ill
- Patrol officers resumed responding to burglaries after 15 years of taking the offense over the phone by expeditor
- Began towing vehicles of uninsured motorists involved in accidents

Policy/Procedure Enhancements

- Implemented the beat management model for patrol officers
- Implemented Cadet program
- Impact Offender Program
- Revised photo line-up policy
- Revised hiring policy to allow 3 years of military service to satisfy college requirements
 - 148 military exemption applicants received since Jan 1, 2008
 - 22 military exemption applicants hired since Jan 1, 2008
 - 683 total applicants since Jan 1, 2008

Equipment Enhancements

- Helicopter Unit received 3 new helicopters
- Replace marked cars at 100,000 miles
- Deployed TASERs in patrol (419)
- Approved Patrol Rifle Program
 - City purchased 79 rifles
 - Dallas Arms Collectors donated 20 rifles
 - 289 patrol rifles purchased with funds from Safer Dallas Better Dallas
 - 258 officers reimbursed by Dallas Blue for purchasing their own patrol rifle

Equipment Enhancements

- Homeland security equipment
 - Bomb suits
 - Total containment vessel (explosives)
 - Bomb robot
 - Armored personnel carriers
 - Level III ballistic shields (also for patrol)
 - HAZMAT personal protection equipment
 - Radiological Detectors
 - Thermal imagers
 - Command and Control computer enhancements
 - GIS Touch Table system
 - Mobile Command Post under development

DPD Notable Accomplishments

- Partnership with Safer Dallas Better Dallas resulted in \$15 million grant through CFT
 - \$5 million for needed equipment, primarily digital video cameras in police vehicles
 - \$10 million for the W. W. Caruth Police Institute
- CBD and Jubilee Park Cameras
- DPD was recognized for providing security for evacuees from hurricanes Rita and Katrina
- DPD was featured in *Dallas SWAT*, *First 48*, and the documentary *Good to Great*
- DPD Fusion Center enhanced to 24/7 operation

Notable Accomplishments

- Berkshire Study
- Hired 335 recruits in FY 06/07
 - 174 hired to date FY 07/08 (63 net)
 - Net gain of 308 from FY 04/05 to date
- Created Hispanic Recruiting Team
- \$10,000 recruiting incentive and 3 year police compensation plan
- \$6,000 housing incentive program
- Improved TCLEOSE pass rate by recruits

Notable Accomplishments

- Use of force complaints down 29% in 2007 compared to 2003
- Officer involved shootings in 2007 were 26% below 2003 occurrences
- Freeway partnership with Dallas Sheriff's Office
- Mutual Aid agreement with Grand Prairie
- Sick Time usage as a percentage of all hours paid is down 29% since FY 03/04
- Opened South Central Patrol Division

DPD Goals

- Reduce Dallas' position as highest in crime among cities exceeding 1 million in population
- Hire 200 officers over attrition in FY 07/08 (long term goal of 3 officers per 1,000 population)
- Response time of 12 minutes for combined Priority One and Two calls for police service
- Arrive at 65% of Priority One calls within 8 minutes of receipt of call.

Questions