Memorandum

DATE: June 12, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Fusion Center Update

Attached is briefing material on the “Dallas Police Department Fusion Center Update” to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, June 15, 2009.

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Attachment

CC: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
   Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
   Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
   Tom Perkins, City Attorney
   Craig Kinton, City Auditor
   Victor Lander, Administrative Municipal Judge
   Ramon F. Miguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager
   Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
   A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
   Forest E. Turner, Interim Assistant City Manager
   Dave K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
   Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Mayor/City Council
Philosophy

• Continuous exchange of information
  – All crimes and hazardous approaches
  – Identify criminals
  – Develop patterns in local criminal activity that pose a domestic threat to the security of the city, state, and country
History

- Dallas Fusion center was created in 2007
- Dallas became the 40th Fusion center in the Nation, 4th in Texas
- Acquired full staffing and expanded to 24/7 operations in mid 2008
- Total staff of 33 Dallas Police Officers, 2 civilian Senior Crime Analysts and 1 Texas Department of Public Safety Research Specialist
Visual of New Fusion Center
Database Access and Process

• Database Access
  – Federal, National, State
  – County, Regional, Internal
  – Open Source and Internet

• Benefits of Databases
  – Provide timely actionable intelligence to officers in the field
  – Provide vetted intelligence for near real time dissemination
  – Share Information internally, as well as through Networking
Daily Operations

• Help identify suspects based on fragments of information

• Publish Bulletins
  – 356 Fusion Bulletins and 202 Robbery related Bulletins
  – 149,056 Intranet hits on Bulletins and 71,005 Robbery Bulletins hits

• Help with Major Investigations
  – Provide real time intelligence while responding to incident
  – Critical minutes following the offense (safety of citizens, evidence, and fleeing suspects)
High Profile Criminal Investigations

• In 2008, the Fusion Center assisted in coordinating the Arson Investigation, and other high profile criminal cases, which required multi-agency cooperation
Fusion Network Capabilities

• Receive information and intelligence from Fusion Centers Nationwide

• Process internal and external Requests For Information (RFIs)
  – Over 6000 during 2008

• Exchange intelligence information with 949 members and 221 agencies Nationwide
Urban Area Security Initiative Funding

• Since 2006, DPD has been allocated $1.5 million dollars for the Fusion Center

• The Fusion Center infrastructure has required no use of general funds

• Current funding will support operation through 2011

• No grant funding requested through the 2009 cycle
Liaison Agencies

DALLAS POLICE FUSION CENTER

FBI
DEA
SECRET SERVICES
JTTF

US MARSHALLS
ATF
DEPT. HOMELAND SECURITY

OTHER FUSION CENTERS
LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
Intelligence Led Policing

- Systematically collecting, organizing and analyzing information, to help guide Law Enforcement Operational and Tactical decisions

- Aids Law Enforcement in identifying, examining and formulating preventative and protective operations to specific targets, problems and threats

- Examining and comparing vast quantities of information enables Law Enforcement agencies to understand crime patterns and identify individuals and locations that represent the highest threat to the community

- I.L.P. model enables Law Enforcement agencies to prioritize and deploy resources in a manner that is specific to the reduction and prevention of the particular crime and area that are being targeted
Privacy Policy

• Fusion adheres to the criminal intelligence guidelines established under the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP).

• All information accessed, viewed and collected will be based on a criminal predicate or threat to the public.

• Information will not be collected concerning political, religious, social views of individuals or groups unless the activity directly relates to criminal conduct.
QUESTIONS?