

# Upcoming Council Agenda Items

# Memorandum



DATE: September 18, 2009


TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Click-It or Ticket Grant

The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department was the recipient of the Comprehensive STEP Grant for the current fiscal year from the Texas Department of Transportation. The total amount of the grant was \$1,200,000.00. As a grant recipient, the Police Department is eligible for “wave” grants that are effective for particular times of the year and specific enforcement objectives. The “wave” grants are part of the national traffic safety plan, and usually follow a public service campaign targeting a specific topic.

The Police Department has just been notified that it is eligible for the “Click-It or Ticket” (CIOT) Overtime Enforcement grant in the amount of \$219,999.60. The City is required to contribute pension and FICA costs of \$62,084.00. The funds are to provide for the reimbursement of overtime salaries for police officers and supervisors utilized to enforce seatbelt and child safety seatbelt laws during the national campaign May 24, 2010 through June 6, 2010. In addition, the Dallas Police Department has been asked to participate in a “Teen Seatbelt Enforcement” during three other weeks; October 19-25, 2009, February 22-28, 2010 and May 17-23, 2010. The “Teen Seatbelt Enforcement” will target 16-20 year olds not utilizing seatbelts. This is a new expansion of the CIOT wave targeting the five largest counties in Texas. The Police Department will enforce seatbelt laws in areas throughout the City of Dallas previously identified as being high in non-compliance with the seatbelt laws. The non-use of seatbelts was a contributing factor in over 50% of traffic fatalities over the past two years in Dallas, and Dallas County is in the top five Texas counties that account for 26% of unbuckled teen fatalities over the 2001-2006 period.

The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department has utilized grant funding for safety initiatives for many years. Traffic fatalities are down significantly in 2009 (62) compared to 2008 (85), -27%. The goal of the section is a 2% reduction in traffic accident fatalities for the year.

  
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First Assistant City Manager

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SUBJECT: Authorization of Memorandum of Understanding with Federal Bureau of Investigations

The Dallas Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations have partnered together for the past eight years in the operation of the North Texas Regional Forensic Computer Laboratory (NTRCFL). The NTRCFL was the first digital forensic laboratory in the nation and due to its overwhelming success has spurred the creation of 15 additional Regional Forensic Laboratories across the country. While currently operating under a lesser agreement, the Federal Bureau of Investigations is now seeking to standardize the Memorandum of Understandings used by all 16 Regional Computer Forensic Laboratories to promote consistency and establish best practices. The agreement addresses the desire to secure for each member agency the benefits of mutual aid in the examination of digital evidence used for the prosecution of violations of the law.

The Memorandum of Understanding is a product of the North Texas Regional Forensic Computer Laboratory (NTRCFL) in an effort to provide regional service in the collection, examination, and preservation of digital evidence. This document outlines the make up of the board of directors of the laboratory, the procedures to be followed by all agencies, and services provided. The Memorandum of Understanding delineates further benefits to the member agencies such as preferential case priority to member agencies and the reimbursement of funds through Department of Justice Grants.

Currently, two officers are assigned to the NTRCFL to address all crimes that contain digital evidence. NTRCFL is utilized by multiple units within the Dallas Police Department, including Homicide, Child Exploitation, Financial Crimes, Internal Affairs, and matters involving Internet intrusion. The laboratory supplies all training and equipment needed in the collection, examination, and preservation of digital evidence. Member agencies have full access to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's resources in situations that are outside the laboratories abilities, such as reconstruction of audio/video, reconstruction of broken or damaged microchips, and the examination of new or proprietary devices. Member agencies enjoy the vast resources of the Federal government in conducting examinations of criminal cases. The NTRCFL has attained the highest level of dedication and service in the nation. The NTRCFL currently holds ASCLAD/LAB and ISO accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board.

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This agreement will be in effect and automatically renewed from year to year unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding. This agreement will continue to enhance the communication between law enforcement agencies and will ultimately provide better services to the citizens of Dallas and NTRCFL member agencies and cities.

The police department seeks the support of the Public Safety Committee as the Memorandum of Understanding will be referred to the full Dallas City Council for approval on October 28, 2009.

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First Assistant City Manager

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: DPD/IRS Agreement for Equitable Sharing from Asset Seizure and Forfeiture for the North Texas Asset Forfeiture Task Force

This agenda item is to authorize approval for an agreement between the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for equitable sharing from asset seizure and forfeiture for the North Texas Asset Forfeiture Task Force. This agreement is entered into with the Internal Revenue Service and the Dallas Police Department for the purpose of equitable sharing from asset seizure and forfeiture pursuant to a joint operation/task force, in accordance with the provisions of the Department of Treasury Guide to Equitable Sharing for Foreign Countries and Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Agencies. Assets seized in connection with the task force will be forfeited under Federal and/or State laws. All sharing is within the discretionary authority of the Department of the Treasury, 18 U.S.C. 981(e) (2), and the Secretary of the Treasury's Guidelines on seized and forfeited property.

The Agreement authorizes a 20/80 percent split of equitable sharing. The Treasury Forfeiture Fund will retain at least 20 percent of the net proceeds in all seizure-related investigations, and the remaining 80 percent or less will be allocated between the Dallas Police Department, other participating departments, and the Internal Revenue Service. As part of the agreement, the Dallas Police Department will assign one police officer to the joint operations/task force established as the North Texas Asset Forfeiture Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to develop and assist with criminal investigations and asset forfeitures of illegal activities in the North Texas area.

The term of this agreement will be October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 and must be renewed annually if deemed appropriate.



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