

# Memorandum



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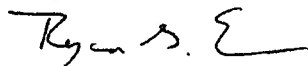
TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Council Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Overtime for Federal and State Law Enforcement Task Force Investigations

The Dallas Police Department is routinely asked to participate in various federal and state law enforcement investigation task forces and receives reimbursement for expenses associated with those task forces from the sponsoring federal or state agency. The reimbursed expenses are generally for the Dallas Police Department officers' overtime for the requested investigations. The maximum amount of overtime reimbursement is up to \$500,000 for FY2009-10, which is based on historical experience.

The task force funding allocations from the various agencies represent projections only and are subject to modifications based upon the progress and needs of the investigations and the availability of the various agencies' funds and also the availability of Dallas Police Department officers. Approval of this item will insure that all task force revenues are authorized to be deposited, and subsequently, the general fund reimbursements are made consistent with the task force overtime expenditures. This item approves the task force participation for the fiscal year in lieu of processing an Administrative Action for each task force (usually 20 – 30 per year).

This Council item is scheduled for formal Council action October 28, 2009.



Ryan S. Evans  
First Assistant City Manager

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Council Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

On July 28, 2009, Vice President Joe Biden announced that the Department of Justice COPS Office has awarded \$1 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding through its COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) to state, local and tribal law enforcement to create and/or preserve nearly 5,000 law enforcement positions.

The City of Dallas has been notified that it is awarded the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) grant for the addition of fifty (50) police officers in the amount not to exceed \$8,896,300 over a three-year grant period. The State of Texas received 196 additional officer positions under this program; the fifty awarded to the City of Dallas are among the 196.

The main restrictions of the grant are:

1. All newly hired, additional officers (or an equal number of veteran officers) funded under CHRP must engage in community policing activities; and
2. The City is required to maintain the fifty (50) police officer positions for twelve(12) months upon the completion of the 36-month grant period.

All Recovery Act funds are subject to more stringent reporting requirements that will be completed in accordance with the Act requirements.

This Council item is scheduled for formal Council action October 28, 2009.



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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: October 16, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Police Department Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant 2009-2010

The Crimes Against Persons Division – Victim Services has been providing assistance to victims of crime since April 1996. In 2000, the Victim Services Coordinator applied for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant that is administered by the Governor’s Office Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to increase the staff. It is mandated by Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 56.01 that victims have rights to receive information and assistance and that law enforcement must have a liaison. As the services were provided and the referrals increased, the need to increase the staff became necessary. In recent years, the VOCA grant has afforded the Police Department the opportunity to hire a full-time Victim Advocate and a part-time Victim Advocate to work with the Victim Services Coordinator. Because of the continued increases to services and referrals, the new grant adds one additional part-time Victim Advocate.

In June 2001, Crimes Against Persons Division – Victim Services was granted the first VOCA grant. It paid 80% of the Victim Advocate salary and 20% was a cash match by the city of Dallas.

The Victim Services staff is housed in the Crimes Against Persons Division. Information and Assistance is primarily offered to victims of homicide survivors, sexual assault, aggravated assault and robbery victims as well as traffic crime victims. Domestic Violence victims and child victims are assisted from Youth Services Section of Special Investigations / Property Crimes Division.

The VOCA Grant was awarded on September 3, 2009 in the amount of \$53,131 with a cash match of up to \$15,909. This grant is funded by the Governor’s Office Criminal Justice Division. The grant period is from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. The Victims of Crime Act Grant is scheduled for formal Council action on October 28, 2009.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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First Assistant City Manager

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: October 16, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Internet Crimes Against Children Continuation Grant (2008-MC-CX-K026)**

In 1998, the Dallas Police Department received federal funding from the United States Department of Justice to establish an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Since that time the Dallas Task Force has become part of a national network of law enforcement agencies in 59 ICAC centers across the United States. Each local Task Force is responsible for investigating incidents of online exploitation of children – primarily sexual solicitations and child pornography offenses – within its jurisdictional area. The Department of Justice recently announced that the Dallas Police Department is to receive continuation funding in the amount of \$392,624.00 to maintain the current ICAC operation. This continuation funding is a supplement to grant number 2008-MC-CX-K026 that was awarded to the Police Department on September 15, 2008. The continuation funding is to run through June 30, 2010. The grant funds will be used to pay salary and benefits for one detective, purchase equipment such as computers and software, and cover training expenses.

The Dallas City Council is to consider formally accepting this continuation funding on November 9, 2009.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Lieutenant C. L. Williams of the Dallas Police Department's Crimes Against Children Unit.

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SUBJECT: Forensic Analysis of Criminal Evidence - Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas-Interlocal Agreement

In 1969, the City withdrew from a joint Criminal Investigations Laboratory operation with Dallas County. Thereafter, laboratory services were a function of the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and the laboratory became known as the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas (SWIFS). SWIFS continues to provide a broad range of evidence analyses for both the Police and Fire Departments. In 1999, the first annual interlocal agreement for these services was approved.

SWIFS' services include analyses of drug evidence, DNA analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analyses, examination of firearms and tool marks (matching bullets to weapons that fired them), and identification of fire accelerants. These services are vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of crime.

The proposed interlocal agreement will provide services from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

## FUNDING

Police	\$2,000,000	Fund 0412, Agency DPD, ORG 6368, Object 3040
Police	\$1,795,000	Fund 0001, Agency DPD, ORG 2119, Object 3040
Fire	\$ 5,000	Fund 0001, Agency DFD, ORG 2042, Object 3040

With your approval, this interlocal agreement will be placed on the City Council Agenda for October 28, 2009.



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First Assistant City Manager

# Memorandum



DATE: October 20, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Black and White Police Vehicles

The Police Department is changing the paint scheme and graphics design of police vehicles beginning with the 2010 police vehicle purchase. The new paint scheme for marked vehicles will incorporate a black and white design. National studies have shown that police vehicles painted in this manner are more “visible” to the community in which they serve.

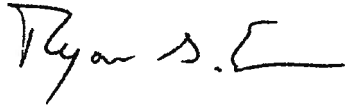
During the past two years, the Police Department has begun a transition to a clear LED light bar for better performance. It performs better and is more visible. The new bold paint scheme will make it easier for citizens to pinpoint police patrols in their neighborhood, as well as distinguishing law enforcement from security companies.

The Police Department researched the cost of maintaining the current paint and decal scheme versus going to a black and white. The current blue body-wrap decal system with installation costs \$945 for the most prevalent body style of vehicle in the fleet. In contrast, a complete set of decals for the black and white vehicle with installation costs approximately \$325. Additionally, the new paint scheme will allow the Police Department to use a universal decal system that will fit every vehicle in the fleet. Currently, each body wrap decal is vehicle model specific, meaning they cost more when needed for vehicles that are not of the most prevalent body style. For example, the current wrap on a Chevy Tahoe is \$1,400.

Last year in body repair, the police department spent \$109,000 just in decal replacement since an entire wrap must be bought and installed each time a vehicle was damaged. As a result of moving to the universal decal system, if a vehicle needs body work, only the decals for the damaged part of the vehicle have to be purchased. The Police Department estimates the cost on decal replacement will drop by half or more under the new decal system. This includes 200 replacement vehicles which are funded from the general fund and 66 new vehicles which are funded by Department of Justice grant funds for increases in staffing.

The Police Department’s goal is to become more visible to the citizens of Dallas. Tradition has ingrained citizen perception that a black and white vehicle is a police vehicle. The black and white paint scheme will allow citizens to instantly distinguish the presence of a police vehicle in their neighborhood and improve the Police Department’s visibility in the community.

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