Memorandum

DATE: November 14, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Impaired Driver Mobility (IDM) Grant

The Texas Department of Transportation has once again awarded the Impaired Driver Mobility (IDM) Grant to the Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department. The amount awarded is $90,000 for fiscal year 2008-09. The grant provides for the reimbursement of overtime salaries for officers and supervisors to take increased enforcement action on Driving While Intoxicated laws. The grant requires a match from the City of Dallas in pension and FICA contributions only totaling $25,398.

The IDM grant is part of the national traffic safety plan from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These funds allow for the increased enforcement of DWI laws during specific date spans throughout the year. The target dates for FY 2009 are: December 19, 2008-January 4, 2009, March 6-22, 2009, June 26-July 5, 2009 and August 21-September 7, 2009. Grantees can work a maximum of 50 dates during these time periods with a minimum of 4 each phase. These enforcement actions are intended to reduce injury and fatality crashes. Alcohol is a major contributor to over one-half of all injury and fatality crashes in Dallas. The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department has utilized grant funding as part of its overall traffic safety plan for many years. Traffic fatalities have decreased over the past two years, and are down 1% thus far in 2008.

The Traffic Section reviews the targeted sites for enforcement annually to ensure that officers are deployed in an effective manner. This is to be presented to the City Council on December 10, 2008.

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager
Memorandum

DATE: November 14, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Internet Crimes Against Children Continuation Grant (2008-MC-CX-K024)

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 $489,319.57 to maintain the current ICAC operation. This continuation funding is a supplement to grant number 2005-MC-CX-K031 which was awarded on April 1, 2005. The continuation funding is to run through December 31, 2009. 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 December 10, 2008.

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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Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager
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DATE: November 14, 2008

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 $60,681 to maintain the current ICAC operation. This continuation funding is a supplement to grant number 2005-MC-CX-K031 which was awarded on April 1, 2005. The continuation funding is to run through December 31, 2009. The grant funds will be used to cover training expenses and purchase equipment.

The Dallas City Council is to consider formally accepting this continuation funding on December 10, 2008.

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.

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager
DATE: November 14, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant for Dallas/Ft. Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (D/ FW F.A.S.T.)

The Dallas Police Department and the United States Marshals’ Service are currently partners in an enforcement effort known as the Dallas/Ft. Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (D/ FW F.A.S.T.). D/ FW F.A.S.T.’s participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods will entail having Task Force Officers from the Dallas Police Department investigate and apprehend violent fugitives.

Project Safe Neighborhood funding of $12,000 will be used for D/ FW F.A.S.T. officers to work overtime apprehending violent felons. The grant will be administered by the North Texas Crime Commission (NTCC). The NTCC will reimburse the city for overtime expenses in an amount not exceeding $12,000. Under the terms of this grant, the city would be required to pay for the pension system expenses related to the officer overtime pay.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant is scheduled for formal council action on December 10, 2008.

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager
Memorandum

DATE: November 14, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Renewal of Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Grant

On February 15, 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales unveiled his plan to combat gang violence across America. One of the cornerstones of the Attorney General’s program is an expansion of Project Safe Neighborhoods to include new and enhanced anti-gang efforts. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gang and gun crime in America. By linking together federal, state, and local law enforcement, prosecutors, and community leaders, PSN provides a multifaceted approach to deterring and punishing gang and gun crime. The U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts, working side by side with local law enforcement and other officials, has tailored the PSN strategy to fit the unique gun crime problem in that district. Criminals who use guns are prosecuted under federal or state laws, depending on which jurisdiction can provide the most appropriate punishment. Each district engages in deterrence and prevention efforts through community outreach and media campaigns and ensures that law enforcement and prosecutors have the training necessary to make the program work.

The Dallas Police Department (D.P.D.) is currently employing a crime reduction strategy which focuses on gangs, guns and illicit drugs. The D.P.D. Gang Unit plays an integral part in this crime reduction strategy by its involvement in dealing with each of the three crime reduction targets. The Gang Unit routinely takes enforcement action against gangs and individual gang members involved in drug dealing and firearms offenses. On a daily basis, Gang Unit officers contact gang members as part of their intelligence gathering function. This gang intelligence is an important asset in tracking a gang’s criminal activity, rivalries, and in taking law enforcement action against gangs.

Project Safe Neighborhood funding of $30,000 would be used for Gang Unit officers to work overtime in specific target areas. The additional man hours would allow Gang Unit officers to utilize their expertise in combating gangs, guns and drug activity. The goal of this project is to realize a 10% decrease in Homicides, Aggravated Assaults, and Robberies in the selected target areas. The proposed target locations will be the following Weed and Seed areas: Pleasant Grove, South Dallas, Ferguson Road/ Two Points, and North Oak Cliff.

The grant will be administered by the North Texas Crime Commission (NTCC). In compliance with the grant contract, the Dallas Police Department will provide police operations activity and crime statistics from the Dallas target areas to the NTCC. The data
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will act as performance measures and will assist in directing resources where they are most needed. The NTCC will reimburse the City for expenses related to the above items in an amount not exceeding $30,000. The grant covers overtime pay and FICA expenses (FICA has been calculated at $270). Under the terms of this grant, the City would be required to pay for the pension system expenses related to the officer overtime pay. The City’s pension system expenses have been calculated to be $8,250.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Grant is scheduled for formal Council action on December 10, 2008.

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager