Memorandum



DATE:

December 4, 2009

TO:

Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT:

Authorization of Professional Services Agreement with Dallas County District Attorney's Office

The Dallas Police Department's Family Violence Unit seeks to continue its partnership with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office by entering into a Professional Services Agreement.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office is the recipient of a 24-month grant from the U.S. Department of Justice titled Grants to Encourage Arrest Program. The grant supports victims of domestic violence and promotes the enforcement of laws against those who commit family-related offenses. The grant has secured several positions for the District Attorney's Office, a case manager at Family Place Women's Shelter, and salary and benefit reimbursement for one detective from the Dallas Police Department's Family Violence Unit for the period beginning August 1, 2009 and ending July 31, 2011.

As a partner in the program, the Dallas Police Department will provide one full time detective assigned to the Family Violence Division located at the District Attorney's Office. The detective will work directly on family violence issues including investigating cases, presenting family violence cases to the Grand Jury, and serving as a liaison between the Dallas Police Department's and Dallas District Attorney's respective family violence units. Additionally, the detective will respond to the needs of victims, and assist with family violence training to the community and officers from neighboring agencies.

Under the terms of this agreement, the County will reimburse the City for salary and benefits for the detective position in an amount not to exceed \$213,343. The funding agency does not require the City to contribute financially to this project.

The Police Department seeks the support of the Public Safety Committee as the Professional Services Agreement will be referred to the full Dallas City Council for approval on January 13, 2010.

Rvan S. Evans

First Assistant City Manager

Memorandum



DATE: December 4, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorization of Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

The Dallas Police Department and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center desire to enter into an agreement for the purpose of creating training material to be used by both agencies.

The Memorandum of Agreement will allow the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to work together to create a video training segment for both a basic and advanced interview and interrogation course. This training course will be taught at both the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers. The Dallas Police Department will provide video footage that has been obtained by detectives from the Dallas Police Department during interrogations. The media department from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will come to the Dallas Police Department and interview detectives and travel to the Texas Department of Corrections to interview incarcerated persons on cases that have already been adjudicated. The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will pay all costs associated with the video production, editing and travel. The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will obtain and maintain signed waivers from all parties. The video supplied by the Dallas Police Department will be combined with new video interviews in an attempt for behavioral scientists from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to understand the detectives and suspects actions during the interrogation. The video will then be utilized to demonstrate which techniques proved to be the most successful.

The video and training material will be co-owned by the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. These training materials can not be released to any outside party without written permission from both the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

There are no costs associated with this project for the Dallas Police Department.

The Police Department seeks the support of the Public Safety Committee, as the memorandum of Agreement will be referred to the full Dallas City Council for approval on December 9, 2009.

Ryan S. Evans

First Assistant City Manager

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