

Memorandum



DATE: August 21, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson,
Phillip T. Kingston, Tiffinni A. Young

SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #37 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Dallas County for utilization of the Law Enforcement Agency Portal (LEA Portal) for the purpose of electronic criminal case filing**

In 2007 Dallas County entered into a collaborative partnership with the Texas Conference of Urban Counties to develop an integrated information management system to share information with participating local governments. This program allows adult cases to be filed electronically. Benefits from the system include: more expedient case filing, reduction of paper use, and easier more efficient accountability. The electronic cases can be transferred to Internal Departments and External Law Enforcement Agencies for recording and tracking purposes.

The MOU outlines what is required by Dallas Police Department to utilize the system. The new system will do everything the current system is capable of doing, but it has been upgraded and has expanded the capabilities of sharing of information with other law enforcement agencies and county agencies.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize the Law Enforcement Agency Portal (LEA Portal) Memorandum of Understanding. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #38 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize (1) the acceptance of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/23 grant from the Texas Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority in the amount of \$555,204 to provide a specialized proactive automobile theft program, for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016; (2) a local match in the amount of \$111,041; (3) an In-Kind Contribution in the amount of \$517,394; and (4) execution of the grant agreement**

A grant application was submitted by the due date on May 22, 2015, by the Dallas Police Department seeking grant funds from the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) in a competitive state-wide grant application process. On July 17, 2015, the Dallas Police Department was awarded \$555,204 by the ABTPA. The total estimated project cost is \$1,183,639, which consist of:

ABTPA Award: \$555,204
Grantee Cash Match: \$111,041
Grantee in-Kind Match: \$517,394
Total Project Cost: \$1,183,639

The grant period will be from September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016.

Once accepted these monies will provide funding for the police department's continued mission of auto theft prevention, increased public awareness and education, and the apprehension and identification of auto theft offenders. The number of personnel funded by the grant is seven.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority grant. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #39 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize (1) the application for and acceptance of the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant as a pass-through grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$999,945 for travel expenses and overtime reimbursement for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; (2) a local cash match of city pension contribution in the amount of \$273,534; and (3) execution of the grant agreement**

The Texas Department of Transportation has awarded \$999,945 for the Comprehensive STEP (Selective Enforcement Program) Grant to the Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department FY 2015-16. The grant requires the City of Dallas to provide a match of \$273,534 in the way of pension contributions. The total grant awarded to the City of Dallas \$1,273,478.

The grant provides for the reimbursement of travel expenses and overtime salaries for officers and supervisors to take enforcement action on specific violations: driving while intoxicated (DWI), speeding, occupant restraint and disregarding traffic control devices in the City of Dallas. The STEP grant is part of the national traffic safety plan from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is intended to reduce the number of injury and fatality crashes. The major contributors to most fatal crashes are alcohol use, non-use of occupant restraints, speeding and disregarding traffic control devices. The Dallas Police Department has utilized grant funding as part of its overall traffic safety plan for many years.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the Dallas Police Department Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.

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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #40 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize (1) the application and acceptance of the Texas School Safety Center 2015/2016 Tobacco Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$65,025 from the Texas State University System - San Marcos for the purpose of reducing youth access to tobacco products, and to ensure compliance with the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 161 for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016; and (2) execution of the grant agreement**

The City of Dallas has been awarded funding in the amount of \$65,025 for the 2015/2016 Tobacco Enforcement grant from the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University. This will provide the Dallas Police Department Vice unit additional resources for the period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The grant amount is \$65,025, and no local match is required.

This grant was created to enforce Subchapter H, Chapter 161, Texas Health and Safety Code, to reduce the extent to which cigarettes and tobacco products are sold and distributed to persons younger than 18 years of age. The grant will provide funding for the overtime salaries of Vice personnel who will be conducting controlled buys and stings, and enforcement of minor in possession. Additionally, the grant will fund the payment of confidential informants used in controlled buys and for purchases of tobacco products by these informants.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the Tobacco Enforcement Grant. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.

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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #41 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize (1) the Dallas Police Department to receive funds in the amount of \$600,000 from various federal and state law enforcement agencies including, but not limited to those shown (list attached) for reimbursement of overtime for investigative services for FY 2015-16; (2) a City contribution of pension and Federal Insurance Contributions Act costs in the amount of \$173,700; and (3) execution of the grant agreements**

The Dallas Police Department seeks approval to receive reimbursement for overtime from Federal and State Law Enforcement agencies for task force investigations, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. A city match of \$173,700 for pension and FICA is funded in the FY15-16 budget.

The Dallas Police Department is routinely asked to participate in 18 to 25 various federal and state law enforcement investigation task forces per year. Each task force investigation is usually confidential in nature, and the officers are given undercover assignments.

The Police Department seeks authorization to receive reimbursement for expenses associated with task forces from sponsoring federal or state agency involved. The reimbursed expenses are generally for officers' overtime associated with the investigations. Occasionally, the task force agreement specifies reimbursement for other miscellaneous expenses, such as equipment.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize reimbursement of overtime for Federal and State Law Enforcement agencies task force investigations. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #42 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize renewal of the contract with El Centro College of the Dallas County Community College District for instructional services for police academy training, including receipt of payment from El Centro for the two-year period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017**

The City of Dallas is seeking authorization for a two-year renewal of the contract with Dallas County Community College District, El Centro College for instructional services related to police academy training. The City will receive up to \$400,548 for academy training program instructional hours provided during September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in coordination with the Dallas County Community College Districts' Community Service Program will pay \$19.24 to the City of Dallas for each certifiable instructional hour provided for basic training to recruits (regular and reserve) and for in-service training to veteran personnel. The City will also receive \$11.10 for each certifiable instructional hour for instructional support related to: training outside agencies, Citizen Police Academy training four (4) times per year, and staff development for certified instructors. Payments received from El Centro College will be used by the Police Department for instructional and administrative costs in support of the academy training program.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to renew a contract with Dallas County Community College District, El Centro College for instructional services for police academy training. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item #43 on the August 26, 2015 Council Agenda - Authorize a correction to Resolution No. 15-1057 previously approved on June 10, 2015, to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center for Multidisciplinary Team Investigative Protocol**

The City of Dallas is requesting authorization to correct Resolution 15-1057, previously approved on June 10, 2015. This correction to Resolution 15-1057 will authorize the execution of the Original Memorandum of Understanding with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center for Multidisciplinary Team Investigative Protocol in addition to the Team Enhancement Addendum authorized in Resolution 15-1057.

The City of Dallas has been asked to sign an Investigative Protocol Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Team Enhancement Addendum with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. This agreement establishes general responsibility for the roles each agency fulfills within the multidisciplinary team that investigates child abuse in our jurisdiction.

This agreement ensures all agencies housed and participating at the Advocacy Center maintain a cooperative working relationship and efficiently handle all cases assigned. The Dallas Police Department Child Abuse Squad is housed at the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center and is a partner in the investigative protocol there.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize the correction to Resolution 15-1057, previously approved on June 10, 2015. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2015 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item on the September 22, 2015 Council Agenda – Lew Sterrett Jail Contract**

Under agreement by resolution, Dallas County has provided jail services for City of Dallas prisoners since 1978. Jail services include administration, intake, housing and release. The original contract agreement has been amended four times, most recently in 1997, and is brought before Council on an annual basis to consider authorization of payment for upcoming fiscal year costs.

On September 22, 2015, City Council will consider an agenda item to authorize payment to Dallas County under the Lew Sterrett Jail contract for FY 2015-16. The proposed amount is \$7,557,391, or \$425,751 less than the current FY 2014-15 contract.

Calculated costs are reviewed annually and based on projected prisoner intake, housing counts and indirect costs. The FY 2015-16 Lew Sterrett Jail costs reflect projected City of Dallas usage at 19,453 prisoners processed at intake, and 8,418 days' worth of prisoner housing. As prisoner intake and housing numbers fluctuate, prorated Lew Sterrett Jail costs are adjusted for the City and other entities who utilize the facility.

Dallas County's FY 2015-16 daily per prisoner housing cost will increase by 10% over the current year contract. To contextualize the County's prisoner housing proposal, an analysis was recently undertaken using data from the *Texas Commission on Jail Standards* or *T.C.J.S.* On a monthly basis the *T.C.J.S.* issues a standardized report which compares the cost per prisoner housed for all Texas counties. Excluding indirect costs and measuring Dallas County's total number of beds, they list Dallas County's average daily housing cost to be \$63.11 per prisoner. In their most recent June 2015 report, the *T.C.J.S.* calculates the statewide average for Texas county jails to be \$60.29 per prisoner housed. The cost for Texas' five largest counties is as follows: Harris, \$75; Dallas, \$63; Tarrant, \$38; Bexar, \$46; and Travis, \$114.

The Court & Detention Services Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize payment to Dallas County under the Lew Sterrett Jail contract for FY 2015-16. This item will be placed on the September 22, 2015 City Council Agenda.

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