

Memorandum



DATE October 19, 2017

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix**

Please see the attached responses to the requests/questions asked during previous committee meetings. As noted in the matrix, some items are still pending due to staff's continued research. The updated matrix is also attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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	Requestor	Request	Request Date	Staff/Dept Responsible	Status
1	Felder	Is there a way to require funeral homes to register and report their formaldehyde purchases.	9/11/2017	Legal	Pending Research
2	McGough	Dedicated County Employee for Low Sterret Booking of DPD Prisoners	9/25/2017	Chief Hall	Pending Research
3	Caraway	Provide ethnicity of individuals hanging out at the West End DART Transfer Station	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
4	Caraway	Provide name of businesses (convenience stores) around the West End DART Transfer Station	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Pending Research
5	Felder	Deploy camera trailers at the car washes located on MLK Jr., Malcolm X, and Elsie Faye Heggins (Spring@Syene)	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
6	Felder	Conduct a Community Meeting to discuss crime and creation of additional V.I.P.'s, HOA's and Crime Watch groups)	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
7	Felder	Staff to contact regarding recommendations for individuals to serve on Citizen Advisory Board	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
8	Felder	Address the crime and gang activity near the Joppa area	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
9	Caraway	Report on use of gunshot detection systems to aid DPD	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
10	Kingston	Report that includes data on the Juvenile Curfew Program	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Pending Research
11	Kingston	Update on DPD's use of Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds	10/9/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
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3. Provide ethnicity of individuals hanging out at the West End DART Transfer Station

DPD does not document information pertaining to the ethnicity of individuals loitering at the West End and as such that information is not available.

5. Deploy camera trailers at car washes located on MLK Jr., Malcolm X, and Elsie Faye Heggins

DPD assesses high crime areas and special events to determine deployment locations for camera trailer resources. Currently, in District 7, there is a camera trailer located on the north side of Little World positioned to view the car wash. In addition, there is an overt camera positioned at the intersection of Malcom X Boulevard and Marburg Street that also has a view of the car wash. An additional camera trailer has been deployed at the Townview Shopping Center at John West Road and Buckner Boulevard.

Presently, there are no resources available to deploy a camera trailer at the car wash on Elsie Faye Heggins Street, south of the FRI Town Homes. However, when the next camera trailer becomes available it will be deployed to the location. An overt camera is located at 2700 Martin Luther King Boulevard and is positioned to view the car wash. The camera is being repaired and will be operational as soon as possible.

6. Conduct a community meeting to discuss crime and creation of additional V.I.P.'s, HOA's and Crime Watch Groups

DPD is working to increase crime watch participation by creating a "Unity among Communities" campaign to get smaller groups in one area to consider meeting together while maintaining their individual identities, increasing communication between neighborhoods.

Crime Watch meetings have been scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017, for the Truett Crime Watch group to be held at 9150 Ferguson Road and Thursday, October 26, 2017, for the Buckner Terrace Community; location to be determined.

7. Staff to contact CM Felder regarding recommendations for individuals to serve on the Citizen Advisory Board

Deputy Chief Vernon Hale contacted CM Felder on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 and received his recommendations for the Southeast Patrol Community Advisory Board. Major Avery Moore contacted CM Felder via email on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 and is awaiting his recommendations for the Northeast Patrol Community Advisory Board.

8. Address the crime and gang activity near the Joppa area

The Gang and Narcotics Units will collaborate, gather intelligence and conduct joint deployments in the Joppa community to address gang or drug related issues. The South Central Patrol Division will increase police presence by conducting foot and directed patrols and hold monthly crime watch meetings to keep the community informed of actions taken to address their concerns.

9. Report on the use of gunshot detection systems (ShotSpotter Flex) to aid DPD

As of 2016, detection systems are deployed in at least 16 major cities. The gun fire detection systems now feature integration with cameras that point in the direction of gunfire. DPD has reviewed gunshot detection systems for possible use in the City at locations with a high volume of random gunfire calls. Initially in 1996, the department conducted a pilot project with SECURES technology. In 2007, the department tried another pilot project with Safety Dynamics. Neither of these pilot projects were determined to be successful enough to purchase the system.

On October 18, 2017, DPD contacted ShotSpotter detection systems. They offer a product called ShotSpotter Flex. It is a gunfire alerting and analysis service. DPD received a generic price quote of \$254,000 for a year of minimum coverage area (3 square miles). The 3 square miles must be continuous and cannot be broken into 3 separate 1-mile squares. The cost is reoccurring annually.

DPD has requested ShotSpotter representatives to come to Dallas to do a presentation to the Chief of Police in October.

11. Update on DPD's use of Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds

DPD follows the federal and state guidelines for use of Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds. These funds are intended to augment not supplant general fund resources. The department provides annual confiscated activity and expenditure reports to the State and Federal government.

The numbers below represent the awards for fiscal year which begins on October 1st and ends September 30th of each year. These amounts also include the sale of VICE gambling machines and profits from sale of property.

	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17*
Federal Awarded	\$3,928,248	\$1,390,140	\$1,303,344
State Awarded	\$765,249	\$1,618,005	\$1,503,863

<i>Federal Spent</i>	\$1,668,277	\$4,024,048	\$1,130,265
<i>State Spent</i>	\$1,104,169	\$1,189,068	\$1,967,774

***FY16-17 numbers are preliminary and are subject to change**

Confiscated awards received in the current year are appropriated for expense the following fiscal year. Any unspent awards are held as fund balance and appropriated the following fiscal year.

Currently, DPD expends these funds on the Fusion Center, forensic testing, various equipment and software purchases (including operations and maintenance) for law enforcement. This equipment includes surveillance cameras, bait vehicles and equipment, license plate readers, ballistic door panels for squad cars, and Tasers. The funds are also used to cover the costs of covert operations which include vehicles, tools, and cash for confidential payments to informants and other enforcement activities.