

# Memorandum



DATE October 4, 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 the Monday, September 25, 2017 Committee Meeting. 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  
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Larry Casto, City Attorney  
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**Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix**

	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Request Date</b>	<b>Staff/Dept Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	<b>Felder</b>	Is there a way to require funeral homes to register and report their formaldehyde purchases.	9/11/2017	Legal	Pending Research
2	<b>Greyson</b>	Specific Public Awareness Campaign - Discourage Giving Money to Panhandlers	9/25/2017	Cheritta Johnson	A Panhandling Initiative Briefing is scheduled for Nov. 13th. This briefing will share a proposed implementation plan (including a Public Awareness Campaign) for consideration and approval.
3	<b>McGough</b>	How are we using Cameras in Crime "Hot Spot" Areas	9/25/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
4	<b>McGough</b>	Dedicated County Employee for Lew Sterret Booking of DPD Prisoners	9/25/2017	Chief Hall	Pending Research
5	<b>McGough</b>	Provide a report on City and TABC Coordination and Communication	9/25/2017	Chief Hall	Complete - Attached
6	<b>Felder</b>	Need MWBE Info - 9/27/17 Council Agenda No. 5 (Consoles)	9/25/2017	Zarin Gracey	Complete - An email was sent on 9/26/17
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### September 25, 2017 Requests/Responses

#### **3) How are we using cameras in crime “hot spot” areas?**

Overt cameras are positioned to record in “hot spot” areas that are likely to capture criminal activity. The cameras are visible and display DPD logos to ensure the public is aware of their presence. DPD staff monitors calls for service, verifies camera location, and provide responding patrol officers and detectives with real time intelligence information. They are often able to provide video evidence of actual offenses in addition to activities leading up to and after the commission of a crime. During an investigation, patrol officers and detectives review respective footage for video evidence. The retention schedule for video storage is 14 days.

The cameras are also proactively used during specific operations to look for activity such as hand-to-hand drug transactions, burglary of motor vehicle offenses and congregating in known high crime locations (convenience stores and carwashes).

#### **5) Provide a report on City and TABC Coordination and Communication.**

The Dallas Police Department’s Vice Unit is the criminal investigative unit of all alcohol complaints and alcohol related violations within the City of Dallas. The Vice Unit regularly meets and conducts inspections with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) to determine if various businesses have TABC licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. If during the process of an inspection or investigation, it is determined the business is selling alcoholic beverages in violation of the TABC licensing restrictions (i.e. selling to an underage or intoxicated individual), enforcement action can be taken by the Dallas Police Department.

The Dallas Police Department can request an Emergency Summary Suspension for investigative purposes. This is utilized when an investigation of a violent act occurring on premise of a TABC licensed establishment and leads investigators to believe subsequent acts of violence will occur at the location. Under the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, [Sections 11.61(d), 11.613 and 61.71(e) AB Code], TABC may summarily suspend a retail dealer’s license, mixed beverage permit, private club registration permit, and/or a wine and beer retailer’s permit for not more than seven days.

Additionally, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code allows the TABC, a member of the public, a governmental entity or a governmental official to file a written allegation contesting the granting or issuing of an original, renewal, reinstatement, or change of location of an alcoholic beverage license or permit. Upon request from the Dallas Police Department and individual councilmembers contesting the granting of an alcoholic beverage license, the Dallas City Attorney’s Office (CAO) may file such protests. When the CAO files a protest, the TABC will either join in the protest or will remain neutral.

Continuity of communication and collaboration continue to be a consistent focus between the City of Dallas and the TABC. In 2017, the Vice Unit conducted 23 inspections and 17 TABC arrests. The Department will continue its effort to provide excellent service to the citizens of Dallas, while providing accountability and transparency with those businesses and retail establishments that are licensed or permitted by both TABC and the City of Dallas.