

Dallas  
Police  
Department

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County  
Constables

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# Partnership

2007 Review & Renewal

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# BACKGROUND

- In September 1999, the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas County Constable for Precinct 3 partnered to address traffic and crime issues of mutual concern.
- In October 2000, the program was expanded to include the Dallas County Constable for Precinct 1.
- On December 17, 2002, the Constable Precincts were realigned and renumbered and the partnership was expanded to include all Precincts within the Dallas city limits.

# BACKGROUND (cont.)

- The objectives of the partnership are to reduce traffic accidents and crime in Dallas by mutually addressing:
  - Traffic Enforcement
  - Truancy Enforcement
  - Warrant Service

# Council Districts & Constable Precincts

<i><b>CONSTABLE PRECINCT*</b></i>	<i><b>DPD AREA</b></i>	<i><b>COUNCIL DISTRICTS</b></i>
<b>1</b>	Central, Southeast, Southwest	1,2,3,4,5,7,8,14
<b>3</b>	Central, Northeast, Northwest, North Central	2,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14
<b>4</b>	Southwest, Northwest	3,6,8
<b>5</b>	Central, Southwest, Northwest	1,2,3,6,7,14

\*Constable Precinct 2 is outside the Dallas city limits.

# Staffing

- COUNTY PRECINCTS & PATROL DIVISIONS

- Precinct 1 (CE,SE,SW)
- Precinct 3 (CE,NE,NW,NC)
- Precinct 4 (SW,NW)
- Precinct 5 (CE,SW,NW)

- CURRENT STAFF LEVELS\*

12

5

12

12

\*Constable's office anticipates an increase in staff

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- The Police Department identifies and designates school zones, hazardous locations and multiple traffic accident locations.
- The Police Department shares intelligence information on these hazardous locations with the Constables' Offices.
- Each participating Constable's Office then commits deputies in marked vehicles for traffic enforcement.

# TRUANCY ENFORCEMENT

- Communities with high rates of truancy are likely to have corresponding rates of daytime criminal activity and vandalism.
- Areas with truancy problems are identified.
- Under this cooperative agreement truants are apprehended by the Police Department and the Constable's Office and are returned to School Guidance Offices.

# Traffic Enforcement by Precinct

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>% Change</u>
#1 (CE, SE, SW)	28,657	33,904	+ 18%
#3 (CE, NE, NW, NC)	9,998	11,651	+ 16%
#4 (SW, NW)	4,058	3,868	- 5%
#5 (CE, SW, NW)	22,557	40,297 #	+ 78%
TOTAL	65,270	89,720	+ 37%

# Six officers during 2005, Eight for first half of 2006, and 12 for the last half of 2006

# BENEFITS OF PROGRAM

- Traffic enforcement in hazardous/high accident areas has increased.
- Communication and cooperation between the agencies have improved.
- Constables have provided support personnel during special initiatives (truancy, prostitution, etc.).
- Positive impact on drop-out prevention

# Cooperative Efforts

## ■ Southwest Division

- Precinct 1 & 5 work on joint operations in their areas conducting intensive directed patrols, securing scenes during critical incidents, crowd control situations and truancy initiatives.
- Precinct 1 assists Dallas Police at the Southwest Division in their target area and hot beats with traffic enforcement and increased police presence.
- Precinct 5 was instrumental in helping reduce crime throughout the Jefferson corridor neighborhood.

# Cooperative Efforts

## ■ Northwest Division

- The Constables provide assistance with special initiatives such as truancy and traffic enforcement in west Dallas.
- The Dallas County Constables also assist the Northwest Division with crowd control situations at entertainment venues for special events.
- Assisted with the immigration reform march in downtown Dallas.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> watch meets weekly with pct. 5 to review the latest intelligence information.

# Cooperative Efforts

## ■ Northeast Division

- Sergeants from Precinct 3 work closely with Northeast officers and attend the detail with ICP officers and share intelligence information.
- Precinct 3 has 1 Sergeant, 4 traffic officers, and 1 transport car that work at the Northeast Division.
- They work citizen complaints, traffic enforcement, and provide cover for officers on calls for service.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue the existing partnerships between the Police Department and the Dallas County Constables' Offices located within the city limits.
- Place resolution for continuation of the program on Council Agenda.
  - Precincts 1, 3, 4, and 5 are included in the partnership.
  - \*Precinct 2 lies outside the city limits of Dallas.

**QUESTIONS?**