



Convenience Store Task Force Recommendations



August 18, 2008

Convenience Store Task Force

- First Task Force Meeting on June 5, 2008
- Four Task Force Meetings (met every Thursday in June)
- One subcommittee meeting
- Multiple meetings with City Attorney's office for final preparation of draft ordinance

Reason For Change

- Approximately 950 convenience stores in Dallas
- 2004-2007 averaged 6,315 service calls at convenience stores annually
- 2004-2007 averaged 3,735 Part One offenses (murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, theft and auto theft) annually
- So far this year, DPD has received more than 3,200 calls (through August 11, 2008)

Convenience Store Task Force Goals

- Improve the safety of employees
- Improve the safety of customers
- Establish minimum security standards for convenience stores
- Get feedback and buy in from stakeholders

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Definition of Convenience Store:

Primarily engaged in the retail sale of convenience goods and/or gasoline and less than 10,000 square feet of retail floor space.

1. Registration of Convenience Stores

- Must register with Dallas Police Department
- No registration fee

2. Surveillance Camera System (18 month grace period)

- Minimum of two color digital high resolution
- Camera positioning

3. Video Recording and Storage (18 month grace period)

- 24 hour operation
- Minimum 30 day retention

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4. Alarm System (18 month grace period)

- Silent panic or holdup alarm
- Signage and permit required

5. Drop Safe (18 month grace period)

- Bolted to floor
- Signage required

6. Security Signs and Height Markers

- No Trespassing/No Soliciting
- Height markers

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7. Visibility

- Compatible with code ordinance
(Passed June 25, 2008 effective June 25, 2009)
- An unobstructed line of view of sales transaction area/cash register

8. Employee Safety

- Employee safety training program
- Approved by Dallas Police Department

9. Criminal Trespass (CT) Affidavit Program

- Chronic offenders
- Mandatory

Convenience Store Task Force Action Items

Rollout

- Press Conference
- Letters to retailers
- Produce DVD training
- Packets sent to convenience stores
- Program management/staffing

Questions?