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City Council Agenda Items
Memorandum

DATE: September 20, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize a supplemental agreement No. 1 to extend service contract for firefighter’s wellness physical examinations and fitness assessments

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 (1) extends the service contract through December 31, 2013 with HealthTexas Provider Network dba MedProvider for medical examinations and fitness assessments for firefighters, and (2) an increase of funds to the service contract, in the amount of $456,983, from $782,977 to $1,239,960—Not to exceed $456,983 (subject to annual appropriations).

The extension to the service contract will allow firefighters in Battalions 1 through 3 to receive medical examinations and fitness assessments while comprehensive specifications incorporating new 2013 edition standards are being developed for a competitive proposal process. The new contract that will be secured after the competitive proposal process is targeted for City Council approval in December 2013.

Due to sudden increase in physical activity while responding to emergencies, firefighters are twice as likely as the average person to suffer cardiac problems, including sudden cardiac arrest. Cardiac arrest is the number one reason listed in Line of Duty Death reports for firefighters nationally. Firefighters are also exposed to a variety of chemicals and harmful substances such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, acrolein, benzene and hydrogen chloride. These substances are commonly found in smoke. Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) follows the standards set by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) is ensuring that all the firefighters receive timely physical examinations and fitness assessments to detect preventable fatalities. The medical examination results are provided only to firefighters to follow up with their physicians. The department only receives the notification of the firefighter as fit, conditionally fit or not fit to return to duty.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this service contract extension for the firefighters’ wellness physicals and fitness assessments. This item will be placed on the City Council Addendum on September 25, 2013.

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"Dallas, The City That Works: "Diverse, Vibrant and Progressive"
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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

On May 30, 2013, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced funding allocations for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the 2013 award year. The JAG program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions.

As designated recipients of this funding, the City of Dallas and other eligible disparate jurisdictions within Dallas County have been awarded $932,597. The City of Dallas has historically served as the regional fiscal agent for the funds. For 2013 $410,449.27 has been awarded to Dallas County and cities, including, Balch Springs, Carrollton, DeSoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Mesquite and Richardson. The City of Dallas’ portion of this funding is $522,147.73, including Management and Administration totaling $93,259.70. The remainder of the funds will be allocated as follows: $400,000 will fund Community Prosecution and $28,888.03 will fund computers for the City of Dallas Police Department.

The JAG program supports a broad range of activities that prevent and control crime, and which improve the criminal justice system. In past years, the City of Dallas has used these funds to expand camera surveillance in high crime areas of the City; improve interoperable communications with in-car video systems and radio equipment for the Police Department and support Computer Aided Dispatch. In 2012, the Community Prosecution Team was able to inspect and evaluate structures throughout the City of Dallas in order to create a list of properties that would be suitable for the Texas National Guard’s Operation Crackdown program.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the FY2013 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 25, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the City of Dallas NIBIN Program Grant

The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor has awarded $ 80,000 for the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program to the Dallas Police Department for the period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 to partially fund one sworn officer for the performance of NIBIN duties.

The NIBIN program is administrated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for federal, state and local law enforcement agency partners. Forensically trained personnel enter digital images of the markings made on recovered spent cartridge casings from fired weapons, providing a link to criminal offenses. The images are correlated and searched in local, regional and national databases; potential matches are confirmed by a forensic specialist and the intelligence is provided to detectives in a timely manner. To date, the Dallas Police Department's NIBIN Team has acquisitioned about 24,000 casing images and made 566 case identifications.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the FY 2013-2014 NIBIN Program grant from the Office of the Governor. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on October 8, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize a Three-Year Master Agreement for Bicycles, Bicycle parts, and Accessories

Upon completion of a formal bid process, the City seeks authorization to initiate a three-year master agreement for bicycles, bicycle parts, and accessories totaling $228,319 with the lowest responsive & responsible bidders, The Bike Shop in the amount of $127,588 and GT. Distributors, Inc. in the amount of $100,731.

This three-year master agreement will provide for the purchase of bicycles, bicycle parts, and accessories for use by the Dallas Police Department’s bike patrol units and Dallas Fire Rescue’s Emergency Medical Services Bureau.

The Dallas Police Department uses its bicycle units to patrol the downtown district, Dallas Housing Authority, various parks, special events, and neighborhoods throughout the City. DPD currently has approximately 150 bicycles assigned to the various patrol divisions. The Dallas Fire Rescue has 12 bicycles that are utilized for special events where emergency vehicles do not have access to render aid.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this master agreement for bicycle, bicycle parts, and accessories. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 25, 2013.

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DATE: September 20, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize a Three-Year Master Agreement for Riot Gear and Accessories

Upon completion of a formal competitive proposal process, the City seeks authorization to initiate a three-year master agreement for riot gear and accessories totaling $487,154 with the most responsive bidders Galls, LLC in the amount of $215,316 and GT Distributors in the amount of $271,838.

This master agreement will provide officers with riot gear and accessories to protect themselves and the citizens of Dallas when responding to critical incidents or events that could become volatile. Riot gear consists of tactical vest, riot helmets and body shields. Full issuance of riot equipment is issued to select sworn personnel in specialized areas such as Critical Incident Response Teams, Homeland Security and Mounted Police and Narcotics. These responses include planned situations (ex. pre-game rallies, dignitary visits, and conventions) and unplanned emergencies (ex. large demonstrations, weather related incidents, acts of terrorism).

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this master agreement for the purchase of riot gear and accessories. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 25, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY2013-2014 Texas Department of Transportation Comprehensive STEP Grant

The Texas Department of Transportation has awarded $999,999 for the Comprehensive STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Grant to the Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department for FY 2013-14. The grant requires a match of $273,383 from the City of Dallas for pension contributions and in-kind contributions of $14,415 for federal insurance cost. 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, speeding, occupant restraint and disregarding traffic control devices in the City of Dallas.

The grant funds provided by the Texas Department of Transportation originated with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and are intended for the reduction of injury and fatality crashes. The major contributors to fatal crashes are alcohol use, non-use of occupant restraints, speeding and disregarding traffic control devices. The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department has utilized grant funding as part of its overall traffic safety plan for many years.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for acceptance of the FY2013-2014 Texas Department of Transportation, Comprehensive STEP grant. This item has been placed on the on the City Council Agenda on September 25, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize a Three-Year Master Agreement for Tasers

The City seeks authorization to initiate a three-year master agreement for tasers and accessories totaling $947,132 with Taser International, Inc, a sole source.

This master agreement will provide Taser X26 non-lethal weapons and accessories to the Police Department. The Taser X26 technology is an additional tool that gives officers an advantage when confronted with a situation where an offender becomes combative and non-responsive to verbal commands or becomes a danger to himself, the officer, and citizens. The Taser X26 allows the officer to gain control of the offender from a safe distance thus reducing the risk of injury to the offender, officer and citizens.

Currently the Police Department provides issuance at the divisional level, supplying cartridges, batteries, other replacement parts and training as needed. The department has two trainers at the academy who are qualified to provide training.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this master agreement for the purchase of tasers. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on October 23, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Dallas County for participation in the Urban Counties TechShare.Juvenile Program

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 on juvenile case management with participating local governments. Dallas County then administered the development of Juvenile Information System (JIS). This program allowed juvenile cases to be filed electronically and the ability to perform statewide searches with local governments. Dallas County is now working to retire JIS and transition to TechShare.Juvenile, which is the extended case management system and will give participating agencies the ability to see information regarding juveniles statewide. Law Enforcement Agencies, County Agencies, Municipal Courts, and School Districts benefits from the system include: viewing juvenile information across the State and sharing attachments; creating photo line-ups; administering and tracking First Offender Programs; and generating reports. The electronic cases can be transferred to Internal Departments and External Law Enforcement Agencies for recording and tracking warrant; supplying municipal court offense history, notifying of arrests and disposition, and identifying new enrollees on probation.

Currently, the Juvenile Information Sharing Case Management System has almost 5,000 users with approximately 3,585 of those being Dallas Police Officers. When TechShare.Juvenile goes into effect in November 2013, 79 additional counties will be participating and the program will be rolled out to all counties by 2015. This program has allowed the Police Department to function more efficiently when dealing with juvenile offenders. 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 information with other Law Enforcement Agencies, County Agencies, Municipal Courts, and School Districts.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize the TechShare.Juvenile Memorandum of Understanding. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 25, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize an Agreement with North Central Texas Council of Government for Facilitation of Training for the North Texas Urban Shield Exercise

The North Central Texas Region is conducting a comprehensive multi-discipline, multi-jurisdictional full-scale exercise on Saturday, November 9, 2013 to Sunday, November 10, 2013, hosted by Dallas Independent School District at 1403 Corinth Street. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is sponsoring this exercise under the direction of the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EEPC), Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (REPAC), and regional working groups and has asked that the Police department facilitate training for this exercise.

The goal for this exercise is to increase proficiency levels in identified target capabilities and enhance regional response to large-scale incidents. This exercise is designed to assess the region’s ability to successfully respond to and manage multiple terrorist events and other emergencies occurring simultaneously throughout the region. A variety of participating work groups such as Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD), Urban Search and Rescue, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Hazardous Materials Response and Fusion Centers from various agencies throughout the North Texas Region will participate.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize an agreement with North Central Texas Council of Government for facilitation of training for the North Texas Urban Shield Exercise. This item is scheduled for the City Council Agenda on October 8, 2013.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize a Three-Year Master Agreement for Tactical Medical Supplies

Upon completion of a formal bid process, the City seeks authorization to initiate a three-year master agreement for tactical medical supplies totaling $340,294 with the lowest responsive & responsible bidders, Tactical Medical Solutions in the amount of $124,757 and Kentron Healthcare in the amount of $215,735.

This three-year master agreement will provide for the purchase of tactical medical kits which include specialized tourniquets and bandages for the Dallas Police Department. Since 2004, specialized units of the Dallas Police Department have employed enhanced “tactical” first aid training and equipment designed to save lives of officers and citizens in the event of injury. Since the initial deployment, the lives of both officers and citizens have been saved by Dallas Police Officers with this equipment.

Based on technology and medical findings from US Armed Forces casualties, these kits are designed to stop bleeding and save lives in the critical time interval between when wounding occurs and when traditional emergency medical services can be accessed. In the event of a wound with severe blood loss, the most common preventable cause of death, even a matter of minutes can mean the difference between life and death. This department-wide deployment will allow us to provide our officers and our city with the most up to date, potentially life-saving equipment that is available.

The City is seeking a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this master agreement for tactical medical supplies. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 25, 2013.

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