Memorandum

DATE: March 21, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: Junior Police Academy JPA

Attached is the briefing material on the “Junior Police Academy JPA” to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 24, 2014.

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
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Junior Police Academy
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Junior Police Academy

• JPA is a daylong training session for students with the purpose of strengthening the bond between officers and youth in the community
JPA Goals and Objectives

• Encourage students to excel in school and make good life decisions
• Recognize the negative consequences of gang activity, drug abuse and criminal behavior
• Plant the seed of a possible career in law enforcement
History of the JPA

• First Class in 2010 had only 14 students
• 2013 hosted 3 Basic classes and the first Advanced JPA-30 Students
• 2014 will have (4) JPA Sessions
  – 1 Advanced-30 Students
  – 3 Basic-80 Students

  Advanced for Grades: 8, 9 and 10
  Basic for Grades: 4, 5, 6 and 7
Application Requirements

• Students applying to Basic and Advanced MUST:
  – Attend Dallas area school and be in good standing
  – Must submit a completed application
  – Must pass a criminal history check through the Juvenile Information System (JIS)
JPA Partnerships

**Hillcrest Foundation**

Dallas Children's Charities  Community Volunteers
School Counselors  DISD/Charter/Faith Based Schools in Dallas
TAAG Schools  FBI Alumni Association  Genesis Women's Shelter

Police Academy  SWAT  Traffic  Communications
Police Explorers  Gang Unit  Reserve Battalion
Mounted Unit  Helicopter  Crime Scene Response
Narcotics  K-9

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Current Curriculum

• Gang Intervention/Substance Abuse
• Consequences of criminal behavior
• How to call 911
• Ride out in squad car on Police Vehicle Operational Vehicle (PVOC) Course
• Complete the Police Obstacle Course
• Family Violence Awareness
Students Receive

• JPA tee shirt with logo
• Backpack filled with calculators, notebooks and other school supplies
• Breakfast and lunch are provided
• Certificates of completion are given at the end of each session
Future Plans

• Developing a multi-day Summer Camp

• To provide college scholarship opportunities to students who have attended a JPA class
Summary

• JPA challenges each participant to make good decisions on a daily basis
• Emphasizes education and staying physically fit
• Improves relationships between officers and youths in our communities
QUESTIONS?