

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Dan Lindheim
From: Oakland Police Department
Date: October 13, 2009

Re: A Report And Proposed Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or His Designee To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) With Contra Costa County (CCC), On Behalf Of The Automated Regional Information Exchange System (ARIES), And The Oakland Police Department (OPD) To Share And Integrate Criminal Justice Information From OPD's Law Records Management System (LRMS) And Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System

SUMMARY

Staff has prepared a report and proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Contra Costa County (CCC), on behalf of the Automated Regional Information Exchange System (ARIES), for the purpose of establishing a direct information sharing connection with the Oakland Police Department's (OPD) Law Records Management System (LRMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

ARIES is a criminal justice information sharing system developed by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department (CCCSD) that contains crime and offender data from Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Solano Counties. There are approximately 30 law enforcement agencies who currently share data by using the ARIES Federated Query Database system.

FISCAL IMPACT

Contra Costa County has agreed to waive the participating agency annual system maintenance in the amount of \$30,000 for the first year of the agreement. However, staff has applied for grant funding through the COPS Technology grant to cover this fee for the second year of the program. Awards from the COPS Technology grant are expected to be announced in October 2009. Additionally, staff is working to have the second year of maintenance fees waived in the event grant funds are not awarded. Other costs associated with this program include hardware, and labor for the establishment of a connection to the Department's current information systems, which have also been waived by Contra Costa County.

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BACKGROUND

The CCCSD developed the ARIES system in 2003 to share the Sheriff's jail data with all 25 law enforcement agencies in their jurisdiction. Since then, CCCSD and ARIES administrators have expanded the reach of the system and developed numerous investigative tools and modules to enhance the program.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACT

The establishment of a direct connection to the ARIES criminal justice information system will streamline information sharing between OPD and other participating law enforcement agencies. Efficient access to information contained in crime reports, criminal investigations and suspect status reports will greatly assist in the identification and apprehension of offenders who are active and known to OPD but also commit crimes in cities outside of Oakland and Alameda County. A large population of offenders in Oakland also use addresses in outside cities and counties to hide from authorities and to store contraband, evidence and weapons related to crimes committed in Oakland.

On a broader scale, OPD's connection to the ARIES system will support the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) efforts to create regional information *hubs* and statewide *fusion centers*. These hubs and fusion centers will enable law enforcement agencies to share information from throughout the state and across the nation.

In 2009, CCCSD was designated by the Bay Area UASI to develop a criminal justice information hub in the East Bay. The Oakland Police Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department have been identified as the two primary agencies in the East Bay that are required to launch the East Bay hub. In order for CCCSD to receive federal money from UASI to fund the development of the East Bay hub, MOUs with OPD and Alameda County must be in place by October 31, 2009.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The ARIES system displays booking photos from a variety of data sources as well as California DOJ fingerprint images, restraining orders, probation and court case information. The ARIES system also maps crime data and live CAD incident data. One of the key features of the ARIES system is an automated witness and subpoena system that provides real time information about the status of each subpoena.

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ARIES is currently accessible by every OPD officer and other law enforcement officers throughout Alameda County. However, officers must log into the Consolidated Records Information Management System (CRIMS) in order to access ARIES and its tools. One of the primary goals of this project is to simplify access to ARIES information through the use of single log in. Furthermore, OPD's connection to ARIES will allow participating agencies to access OPD's crime reports, which will assist in apprehending Oakland criminal suspects who are arrested in a participating jurisdiction.

Additionally, ARIES system developers are adding CompStat (computer analysis of crime statistics) reporting functionality and crime analysis tools to ARIES in the near future. These tools will be especially useful as OPD continues to develop, implement, assess, and refine its CompStat system.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The efficient transmission and sharing of criminal justice information between OPD and law enforcement agencies in outside counties will greatly enhance law enforcement's ability to investigate and solve crimes, making the City of Oakland a safer and more appealing to potential business owners, customers and investors.

Environmental: There are no direct environment benefits related to this project.

Social Equity: OPD's direct connection to the ARIES system will enhance law enforcement's ability to link and investigate possible terrorist activities, thereby improving public and national safety.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues relevant to this project.

RECOMMENDATION/ RATIONALE

Staff recommends acceptance of this report and approval of the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Contra Costa County (CCC), on behalf of the Automated Regional Information Exchange System (ARIES), for the purpose of establishing a direct information connection with the Oakland Police Department's (OPD) Law Records Management System (LRMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

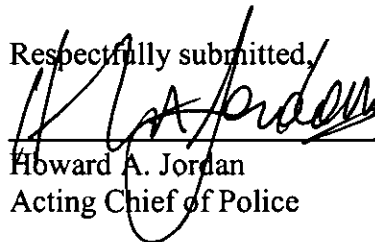
Staff recommends Council adopt this resolution.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



Office of the City Administrator

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CONTRA COSTA COUNTY (CCC), ON BEHALF OF THE AUTOMATED REGIONAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM (ARIES), AND THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT (OPD) TO SHARE AND INTEGRATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION FROM OPD'S LAW RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LRMS) AND COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Automated Regional Information Exchange System (ARIES) is a criminal justice information sharing system developed by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department (CCCSD) that allows sharing of crime and offender data from Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a direct connection to the ARIES criminal justice information sharing system will expand and streamline information sharing capabilities between OPD and other participating law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, efficient access to information contained in crime reports, criminal investigations, and suspect status reports from outside agencies will greatly assist in the identification and apprehension of offenders who reside in Oakland but commit crimes in other counties; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has agreed to waive the annual maintenance fee in the amount of \$30,000 for the first year of the agreement. However, staff has applied for grant funding through the COPS Technology grant to cover this fee for the second year of the program; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a direct network connection between OPD's Law Records Management System (LRMS) and Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) systems and the ARIES system will greatly enhance law enforcement efforts to effectively investigate and solve crimes; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a network connection supports the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) plan to develop regional, statewide and national criminal justice information sharing networks in order to link and investigate possible terrorist activities; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Contra Costa County (CCC), on behalf of the Automated Regional Information Exchange System (ARIES), for the purpose of establishing a direct information connection with the Oakland Police Department's (OPD) Law Records Management System (LRMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all Memoranda of Understanding authorized hereunder shall be approved by the City Attorney for form and legality prior to execution and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and
PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California