

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Police Department
DATE: May 10, 2005

RE: A Status Report from the Chief of Police on the Campus Life and School Safety (CLASS) Section

SUMMARY

This report summarizes the status of the CLASS Section and policing services provided to the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD).

FISCAL IMPACT

This is an informational report; however, there are related fiscal impacts. In 2002, the Police Department received a grant in the amount of \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS"). The COPS grant was used to help fund 12 CLASS officers over a three year period. The COPS grant monies and the yearly remittance from the OUSD have not covered all the costs incurred. The overage is charged to the City General Fund. The COPS grant, which expires in September 2005, stipulates that current service levels shall be retained for one year beyond the termination of the grant. This means the Police Department will require an additional \$595,858 in funds to cover the loss of grant monies.

FY 2004 – 2005 CLASS Section Cost

Projected Cost ¹	Grant Funding ²	Sub Total	OUSD Remittance	Total
(\$ 2,400,000)	\$595,858	(\$1,804,142)	\$1,000,000	(\$804,142)

BACKGROUND

In 2001, the OUSD and City of Oakland drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whereby the OUSD agreed to pay the City \$1 million for police services and in return the City agreed to create a dedicated unit within the Police Department, the CLASS Section. The MOU also called for the elimination of the OUSD police force, which consisted of a police chief, one lieutenant, two sergeants and 20 police officers. The MOU required the CLASS Section to work

¹ Projected cost excludes internal services funds (e.g., cars, radios).

² COPS in Schools Grant funding is not available for FY 2006 – 2007. The grant has a \$ 1.7 million matching fund requirement. The City did not re-apply for the grant.

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cohesively with the OUSD to identify school related problems and give special attention to weapons, drugs, aggression, trespassing and truancy.

Despite several attempts by the City to complete the MOU, to date it remains unsigned by the OUSD. The OUSD states that active litigation with members of the former OUSD police force is the main reason they have not signed the MOU. However, the City and OUSD have been performing their respective duties in accordance with the provisions contained in the MOU.

In its first year, the CLASS Section was comprised of one lieutenant³, one sergeant and six officers - - tasked with serving Oakland’s six traditional high schools. In 2002, the CLASS Section was augmented by one sergeant and six officers - - to service Oakland middle schools, bringing the section’s total staffing to one lieutenant, two sergeants and 12 officers. The CLASS Section, however, is much smaller than the former OUSD police force.

CLASS Section/OUSD Police (Eliminated) Staffing Comparison

CLASS Section	Authorized	Filled	OUSD Police (Eliminated)	Authorized
Lieutenant of Police	1	1	Chief of Police	1
Sergeant of Police	2	2	Lieutenant of Police	1
Police Officer	12	11 ⁴	Sergeant of Police	2
			Police Officer	20
Total	15	14	Total	24

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

In the proposed budget for FY 2006-2007, the Police Department recommends reducing the number of CLASS officers to equal the \$1million reimbursement received from the OUSD. Should the recommendation be accepted, the CLASS Section will lose one sergeant and seven officers. As a consequence, the CLASS Section would no longer serve Oakland middle schools. The responsibility for police services at Oakland middle schools would shift to beat officers from the Patrol Division. Requests for beat officers to handle incidents at Oakland middle schools would compete with other calls for service received from the community and dispatched by the Communications Division, i.e., response times will be slower, the response will be handled by an officer who is unfamiliar with the school and students, the service may be less effective.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CLASS officers establish and maintain cooperative and professional relationships with school principals, staff, security officers and students to proactively identify and respond to issues that impact school safety. Moreover, CLASS officers are tasked with serving as positive role models for our youth.

³ The lieutenant position is funded by the City.

⁴ Two officers are on extended injury leave.

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The Police Department averages 665 dispatched service calls per academic year at Oakland’s six traditional high schools and 15 middle schools. The table below lists the number of reported crimes per major category (as established by the FBI Uniform Crime Report system). The data covers the 2003 – 2004 academic school year and the 2004 – 2005 academic school year through February 28, 2005.

2003 - 2005 Reported Crime

High School	Address	Part One Crimes ⁵	Part Two Crimes ⁶
Castlemont HS	8601 MacArthur Blvd.	38	3
Fremont HS	4610 Foothill Blvd.	44	0
McClymonds HS	2607 Myrtle St.	16	10
Oakland HS	1023 MacArthur Blvd.	17	4
Oakland Tech HS	4351 Broadway	37	15
Skyline HS	12250 Skyline Blvd.	37	1
Middle School	Address		
Bret Harte	3700 Coolidge Ave.	13	9
Calvin Simmons	2101 35th Ave.	17	7
Carter	4521 Webster St.	4	3
Cole	1011 Union St.	5	4
Claremont	5750 College Ave.	3	2
Edna Brewer	3748 13th Ave.	8	5
Elmhurst	1800 98th Ave.	10	5
Frick	2845 64th Ave.	7	6
Havenscourt	1390 66th Ave.	6	10
King Estates	8251 Fontaine St.	13	16
Lowell	991 14th St.	8	1
Madison	400 Capistrano Dr.	14	6
Montera	5555 Ascot Dr.	12	10
Roosevelt	1926 19th Ave.	3	7
Westlake	2629 Harrison St.	6	2

In addition to the 665 dispatched calls for service, the CLASS Section performed the following in 2004:

- Timely response to school-related calls for service
- Participation in the Castlemont High School Safety Corridor Project
- Picked up 1,421 truants city-wide

⁵ Part One crimes are defined as murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

⁶ Part Two crimes are defined as fraudulent check writing, child and family, disorderly conduct, intoxication, DUI, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeit, fraud, gambling, juvenile status offenses, kidnapping, liquor laws, loitering, negligent manslaughter, traffic, narcotics, municipal code, prostitution, sex (excluding rape and prostitution), simple assault, stolen property, vagrancy, vandalism and weapons.

- 94 felony arrests
- 111 misdemeanor arrests
- 1,984 parent contacts made regarding student behavior, criminal activity, gang awareness, role of the police, and crime prevention
- Counseled and released 1,484 students for adverse behavior

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic – A safe and healthy school environment enhances the City’s effort to ensure that all youth have the opportunity to be successful.

Environmental – No environmental opportunities are anticipated.

Social Equity – The CLASS officers engage students in positive interactions that improve relations with the Oakland Police Department. Businesses and residents located near school sites benefit from increased police presence and the reduced number of truants.

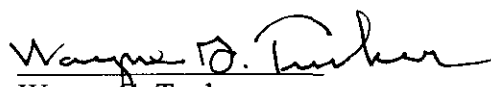
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no Disability or Senior Citizen Access issues contained in this report.

RECOMMENDATION


Staff recommends acceptance of this status report.

Respectfully submitted,


Wayne G. Tucker
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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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