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AGENDA REPORT

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Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Dan Lindheim
From: Police Department
Date: September 14, 2010

Re: An Informational Report From the Office of Chief of Police Detailing the Department's Plan to Adhere to the City's Community Policing Policy in Light of the Police Department's Recent Reduction in Force

SUMMARY

As requested by the City Council, staff has prepared this informational report detailing the Police Department's community policing efforts subsequent to the reduction of force (RIF) effective July 13, 2010. Despite the elimination of Problem Solving Officers (PSO) as a result of recent layoffs, staff will continue to implement a community policing model within the City of Oakland.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department's community policing plan relies solely on the existence of current resources; therefore, no fiscal impacts are associated with this informational report.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the recent reduction in force (termination of 80 sworn officers) and the elimination of Measure Y funding, the Department's community policing efforts centered on the functions performed by PSOs, which included 57 officers and 9 supervisors assigned throughout the City, specific to a community policing beat. Although these efforts were centered on the PSOs, community policing has been supported by all officers assigned to the Patrol Division.

The elimination of Measure Y funding required the Department to eliminate PSOs citywide, which negatively impacted the Department's ability to continue its community policing efforts by primarily utilizing the PSOs. In an effort to ensure community policing continues to be implemented, staff is currently working on an updated community policing plan which focuses on implementing a community policing philosophy encompassing all areas of the Department, City, and community.

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- Problem Oriented Policing
 - The SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment) Model in problem solving
 - How to properly address open air drug markets
 - The broken windows theory

2. The Area Commander will then strategically deploy available area resources to best meet the needs of the entire community. Selected NCPC priorities will be addressed via the SARA process. The Area Commander will task these projects (to be tracked using existing Department software) to the appropriate personnel under their chain-of-command to oversee and manage. Project updates as well as outcomes will be communicated with the affected NCPC by their designated Beat officer. The designated officer will also be responsible for disseminating NCPC priorities to the corresponding beat officers.
3. The Area Commander, when making deployment decisions, will take into consideration information received from other community members and groups that do not participate in the NCPC process. All community groups and members will continue to be encouraged to participate in the NCPC process to most effectively utilize City resources.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The proper implementation of community policing in Oakland should reduce crime and improve the quality of life for Oakland residents. This positively impacts the perception of Oakland and ultimately enhances the economic health of this city.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities identified in this report.

Social Equity: Community policing is a philosophy that brings police and citizens together working cooperatively to achieve public safety throughout the City. Effective implementation of community policing efforts will help eliminate crime, thereby making neighborhoods safer.

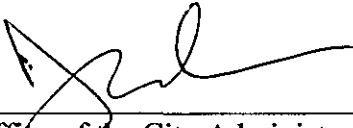
DISABILITY AND SENIOR ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues identified in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends acceptance of this report.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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Respectfully submitted,



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