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AGENDA REPORT

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SUBJECT: Child Sex Trafficking Training

DATE: December 16, 2016

City Administrator Approval

[Signature] for SBL

Date:

12/27/16

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Accept This Informational Report Concerning Annual Training For All Sworn Employees In The Oakland Police Department (OPD) To Educate Personnel On All Laws Pertaining To Sex Trafficking And Providing A Trauma-Informed Training To Recognize Signs Of Trauma Resulting From Victimization, Sexual Assault, And Exploitation From The Commercial Sexual Exploitation Of Children (CSEC), Informed And Delivered With An Advocacy Organization Working In The Field Of CSEC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is responsive to a request from Vice Mayor Campbell Washington concerning annual training for sworn OPD personnel in recognizing trauma from victimization, sexual assault, and exploitation from CSEC, informed and delivered by an advocacy organization working in the field of CSEC.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On October 27, 2016, Vice Mayor Campbell Washington submitted a request for an informational report concerning annual training for sworn OPD personnel in recognizing trauma from victimization, sexual assault, and exploitation from CSEC, informed and delivered by an advocacy organization working in the field of CSEC.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

For many years, OPD has delivered training to all sworn personnel concerning CSEC. This training includes recognizing trauma from victimization, sexual assault, and exploitation suffered by CSEC. The training is delivered in partnership with the Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR). BAWAR is an advocacy organization working in the field of CSEC.

The CSEC training was provided to all OPD in 2013 and has been incorporated into the OPD basic academy (the initial training of all new Police Officer Trainees (POT)). Subsequently, it has been provided annually by OPD and BAWAR through patrol line-ups, field contacts, meetings and scheduled training. In 2016, the entire department participated in an updated CSEC training provided by the subject matter experts of OPD and BAWAR. OPD will continue to place training materials in the Department's document management system, which can be used to require acknowledgement of specific new laws by Department employees.

Included in the training for sworn OPD employees is instruction not to just drive by a potential victim of CSEC in public, but to use a 24-hour checklist to take appropriate action.

Together the Vice/Child Exploitation Unit and BAWAR will continue to provide trauma-informed training on recognizing potential victims of human trafficking (whether CSEC or exploited adults) as they may encounter them on the streets and on calls for services such as domestic violence, petty theft and landlord tenant calls. These experts will continue to explain the victimology associated with victims of human trafficking and how they do not identify themselves as victims. Sworn personnel will continue to receive instruction on what to look for, how to help, available options, applicable laws, and what courses of action are appropriate and inappropriate. Officers will be informed that juvenile victims cannot be arrested, but actually need to be rescued. Officers will be made aware of resources available to help victims of sexually-exploited minors.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this informational report.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No outreach was deemed necessary for the proposed policy action beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

COORDINATION

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed this report for form and legality.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no economic opportunities associated with this report.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

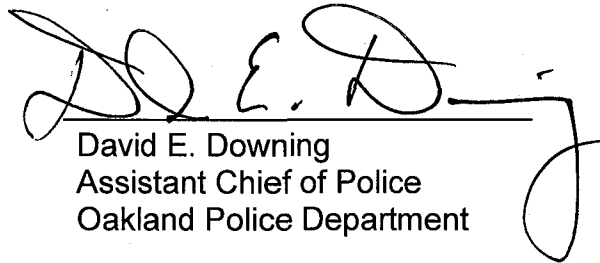
Social Equity: All members of the Oakland community benefit from a police department well-trained on the subject of child sexual exploitation.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Jill Encinias, Lieutenant of Police, Criminal Investigation Division, Special Victims Section, at (510) 238-3253.

Respectfully submitted,



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