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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

SUBJECT: Child Sex Trafficking Training
Supplemental Report

FROM: David E. Downing
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City Administrator Approval

Date:

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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.

REASON FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

OPD has provided this supplemental report to provide additional information regarding annual training for sworn OPD personnel in recognizing trauma in 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.

For many years, OPD has delivered an annually updated training to all sworn personnel concerning CSEC. This training includes recognizing trauma and victimization from sexual assault and exploitation from human trafficking and CSEC. The training is delivered in partnership with the Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR). BAWAR¹ is an advocacy organization working in the field of CSEC. The CSEC training was provided to all OPD sworn employees in 2013 and incorporated into the OPD academy, ensuring that all new police officer trainees (POT) receive this important training. Subsequently, the training has been provided

¹ The informational report titled "Changes in Child Exploitation Law," dated January 27, 2017 and presented to the Public Safety Committee on February 28, 2017 provides additional information about BAWAR

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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.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

OPD sworn personnel CSEC training includes instruction on how to recognize signs of victimization from individuals who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The training also illustrates strategies for approaching such individuals.

OPD's Vice/Child Exploitation Unit and BAWAR together will continue to provide trauma-informed training on recognizing potential victims of human trafficking. These trainings continue to help officers better serve the needs of CSEC and commercially exploited adults when encountered on the streets as well as on calls for service (i.e., domestic violence, petty theft and landlord-tenant calls). The training includes recognizing the signs of human trafficking, understanding the victimology, red flags for CSEC, available resources and what to do to assist individuals who may be trafficking victims. The training also covers new law changes, the appropriate laws and documentations associated with human trafficking and best practice procedures to use when encountering victims. The training also includes ways to involve the community in efforts to protect victims of human trafficking and to stop buyer demand.


Experts from BAWAR and other community organization partners continue to help OPD staff understand this victimology associated with human trafficking – and how to best approach these individuals and offer support and assistance. 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 human trafficking, both including both sexually-exploited minors and adults.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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