

**City Council and Administration Budget Workshop May 7, 2005**

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**Department: OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Department Issues/Concerns: Long term funding source to keep staffing levels sufficient to meet growing demands for service as the city develops**

**New Responsibilities/How Handled: Homeland security issues-securing and execution of 2 CERT grants**

**2004 Completed/Initiated project(s): Same as above**

**2005 Projects/Status/Completion Date: Working with City Administration and Council to develop a strategy for expired millage due to occur in 2007**

**2006 Projects: Same as above**

**What City Council Objectives can you INITIATE and LEAD in the implementation without additional resources?**

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** In conjunction with youth council, OCSO sponsors a Boy Scout Explorer post at the Rochester Hills Substation. Inclusion of any youth council members in that post would enhance both programs.

**COMPLAINT SYSTEM:** Reliance on established OCSO formal complaint process. This process is very comprehensive in scope and responsive to citizen concerns about law enforcement actions. Continue to educate and encourage City personnel to refer law enforcement concerns/complaints directly to OCSO substation in order to ensure accurate information obtained for investigation and/or follow up.

**ENHANCE CITY P.R.:** Maintain current level of pre-planned formal presentation conducted primarily by the Community Safety Officer position provided for in the budget. Examples of these programs include, but are not limited to maintenance of Homeowner Neighborhood Watch programs, establishment and interaction with homeowner associations, home safety expos and numerous other similar programs.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** Maintain current program of informing news outlets of crimes occurred and stories designed to raise public awareness on public safety issues. Continued use of Channel 55 to present programming from OCSO to public on a variety of issues.

**NEWS RELEASES:** Same as above.

**ENHANCE/MAINTAIN POLICE OPERATIONS/LOS:** Continue to deploy current resources in a manner most responsive and effective to trends and priorities expressed by the City Administration and Council.

Continue to team up with Federal and State law enforcement entities and task forces in place to address public safety issues. Use of their resources to enhance and perhaps reduce substation manpower commitments, while benefiting from the synergy of those collaborative efforts.

Continue to make City Administration and Council aware of best practices, emerging technologies, etc. that can improve police services at little or no cost.

Examine programs that are self-funding, thus creating new police resources to address current problem.

**COMMUNITY POLICING:** Reference above Community outreach programs. These serve as the core program we are able to maintain with current resources.

Secondly, emphasis from the top down of the philosophy of customer service; total quality management and continuous service improvement. Examine ways to keep this mindset in place with resources available.