

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**98-567**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

The Police Department has an opportunity to integrate Police Officers into the community. Informal discussions have been held with Drake University, and Drake University is willing to provide the Pizza Hut building at 3110 Forest Avenue for Police Department use. The Police Department recommends moving the Traffic Unit to this location.

DECEMBER 21, 1998

**SUBJECT:**

COMMUNITY BASED  
POLICING (DRAKE  
UNIVERSITY)

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**TYPE:**

Drake University is willing to do a number of things to make this building usable by the Traffic Unit. The Police Department, in turn, will provide some equipment and cover recurring costs on a yearly basis. The City's one-time equipment costs have been estimated at \$10,500. The recurring costs have been estimated at \$7,201 per year, which includes \$1 per year lease payments to Drake University for the facility.

**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**RECOMMENDATION -**

WILLIAM MOULDER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**Approval of authorization for City Manager to enter into negotiations with Drake University to formalize an agreement to accomplish the move of the Traffic Unit. Such contract document would be brought before the Council for final approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

Drake University will provide the building, remodel the interior, wire an external security system, provide an appropriate phone system, security locks on all doors, parking lot signage, basic custodial services,

building/parking lot maintenance, garbage pick-up, and snow removal/lawn care.

The City will agree to lease the building for a three-year period, pay monthly utilities, purchase necessary office equipment, provide video equipment for an external security system, and provide connection to a fiber optic network allowing the Traffic Unit access to City/Police Department computer networks.

This move would represent a fundamental change in the way the Police Department does business, and will establish a more visible peace officer presence on Forest, University, Kingman, Cottage Grove, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, and points north and west into the Beaverdale area. It would also establish the Police Department as neighbors in the larger west side area. However, this would not affect the delivery of traffic services to citizens in other parts of the City.

This project has the strong support of the Carpenter Neighborhood Association, Kirkwood Glenn Neighborhood Association, Drake Neighborhood Association, Drake Park Neighbors, as well as the Drake University Cabinet.