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Agenda Item No. 75

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Communication No. 07-048

Submitted by: Dale Patch, Acting Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division supporting Metro Special Tactics and Response (S.T.A.R.) Team to be a member of Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of a 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for the Metro S.T.A.R. Team to become a member of Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program and for the continuance of funding from the Federal Homeland Security grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Des Moines and Polk County (Metro STAR) will continue to be eligible to share in the federal FY2006 Homeland Security Grant Program funding allocation of \$1.1 million dollars, with Metro STAR receiving approximately \$137,500 dollars.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Members of the City of Des Moines Police Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office have been working with other Iowa law enforcement agencies and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management since 2001, to develop a concept to provide state-wide law enforcement response to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosives (CBRNE) event. Program funding is limited and the decision was made to invest federal homeland security funds with five state and local agencies already having substantial tactical team base capabilities to create eight State and Local National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type II WMD Tactical Teams.

Metro STAR has taken a leadership role in the development and implementation of Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program. The City of Des Moines/Polk County Metro STAR team has received over \$397,000 dollars of federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds to date, in support of this effort. We have been operating with a Letter of Intent to participate in the task force concept, pending changes to Iowa Code Section 29C.8 that took effect July 1, 2006, drafting of the 605 Iowa Administrative Rules Chapter 12 and the final review of Iowa's Emergency Response Team 28E Agreements.

Approving the Iowa WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Team 28E Agreement is the next step in the process to delineate the responsibilities and procedures for the development, maintenance and deployment of Metro STAR. The 28E Agreement was reviewed and approved by City Legal, Risk Management and

the Iowa Attorney General's Office. Acceptance of Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program 28E Agreement is required for the City of Des Moines/Polk County Metro STAR Team to continue to receive funding from the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program, which also serves as the basis for part of the Metropolitan Advisory Council's (MAC's) 28E Agreements with the MAC Agencies to support the Des Moines Homeland Security Program Initiative.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 05, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1084

Action: Joint Resolution, whereby the City of Des Moines and Polk County, requested the Chief of Police and Polk County Sheriff, work together cooperatively to seek innovations, improve services, maximize resources and engage with the State and other governments to look to the future of providing law enforcement services in our communities. Moved by Vlassis for the City of Des Moines to adopt, Motion Carried 7-0. Moved by Connelly and seconded by Brownell for Polk County to adopt, Motion Carried 5-0.

Date: August 08, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1925

Action: Resolution, whereby the City of Des Moines adopted the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to assist managers and responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines, to work together more effectively to handle emergencies and disasters. (Council Communication 05-433) Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 07, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2722

Action: Resolution whereby the City of Des Moines accepted Sub-grantee and Fiscal Agent responsibilities from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the administration of the FY 2004 and FY 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds to develop Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) and Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs. (Council Communication 05-630) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 08, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-081

Action: Resolution whereby the City of Des Moines accepted Sub-grantee and Fiscal Agent responsibilities from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for the administration of the FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds for Iowa's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Detection, Bomb Squad (EOD) and Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs. (Council Communication 07-008) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Metro S.T.A.R. will continue to participate as a member of Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program, and meet with other Task Force Teams and representatives of Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division to implement and share in the federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds for Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program.