



# Council Communication

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Roll Call No. 09-

Communication No. 09-380

Submitted by: **Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police**

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with area law enforcement agencies to support the Metro Special Tactics And Response (STAR) team.

## SYNOPSIS:

The cities of Indianola, Norwalk and Windsor Heights, as well as Polk and Warren Counties, provide a response pool of qualified and trained officers who are available to assist the Metro STAR team, if requested. An MOU is requested to formalize this relationship and outline the duties and responsibilities of each agency. Response pool members remain employees of their respective agencies. The cost and liability of the response pool members also remains with the agency providing the personnel. The officers regularly train with the full-time members of the Metro STAR team to maintain their qualifications and readiness.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines and Polk County signed a joint resolution on May 02, 2005, requesting the Chief of Police and the Polk County Sheriff to work together cooperatively to seek innovations, improve services, maximize resources and engage the State and other government entities to look to the future of providing law enforcement services in our communities.

In response to the joint resolution, the Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office consolidated their respective tactical teams under a joint command structure with the creation of the Metro S.T.A.R. Team. This effort was done in recognition of providing better service to the taxpayers, to meet the increasing demands placed on tactical units, with respect to the requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and to work together on the complex issue of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Homeland Security.

In February 2007, the City Council approved an MOU with Polk County. This is a continuation of that effort. The cities of Indianola, Norwalk and Windsor Heights, along with Warren County, are new agencies.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-294

Action: Memorandum of Understanding with Polk County in support of the Metro Special Tactics and Response (S.T.A.R.) Team. (Council Communication No. 07-047) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 08, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-081

Action: Sub-Grantee Agreements to administer FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. (Council Communication No. 07-008) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: November 07, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2722

Action: City of Des Moines to serve as Sub-grantee and Fiscal Agent for Management and Administration of Statewide Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Programs for (Iowa's) State Homeland Security Grant Programs (SHSGP) for FY2004 and FY2005. (Council Communication No. 05-630) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 08, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1925

Action: Implementation of the National Incident Management System in the City of Des Moines. (Council Communication No. 05-433) Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 02, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1084

Action: Resolution regarding Public Safety Cooperation. Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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