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TO: Mayor Tom Potter

SUBJ: Community Oriented Policing Strategies Report to Council

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the Community Oriented Policing (COP) strategies, reporting period from October 2005 to May 2006, implemented over the past fiscal year. I also want to briefly mention the strategies proposed for this coming year.

The COP strategies were developed to address specific crime and livability problems in targeted communities. The Police Bureau, with several community partners and service agencies, used traditional and non-traditional community policing approaches that combine community involvement and problem-oriented policing principles. The Police Bureau convened its partners and began developing goals and establishing methods to monitor and maintain the projects.

The following lists of community policing strategies were developed this past year. While approximately half of the appropriated funds remain, the Police Bureau and our partners are committed to continuing the strategies and putting them into action.

#### Downtown – Old Town – Chinatown Pilot Projects

- Project ACCESS conducted outreach for mental health and/or substance abuse. This is a partnership with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. ACCESS has successfully referred 60 persons in need of treatment to appropriate programs; 31 received inpatient treatment while 21 received outpatient treatment.  
Individuals are referred from the Central Precinct chronic offender list and directed to the program through three police officers assigned to the PPI (Portland Patrol Inc.). These chronic offenders are provided housing through Central City Concern and have access to a variety of treatment options. Funding amount: \$50,000.
- First Response conducted outreach to engage the homeless and assist in finding long-term housing through Bureau of Housing and Community Development. From October 15 through May 6, 2006, 52 persons have been housed through the partnership with Central City Concern. Funding amount: \$50,000.
- The Central Precinct Street Crimes Unit (SCU) was formed to conduct livability crime enforcement missions. This unit partners with the Central Precinct weekly Problem Solving workgroup and the Mayor's downtown Public Safety Action Committee to identify target and chronic nuisance areas. So far, 266 persons have been arrested: 125

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arrests for DCS (Delivery of a Controlled Substance), 181 arrests for PCS (Possession of a Controlled Substance), 27 arrests for violation of the Drug Free Zone, and 57 persons arrested for outstanding warrants. In addition, \$7,932 in cash was seized and street level drugs with a street value of \$13,280. Funding amount: \$75,000.

#### Inner Eastside Pilot Project

- Project ACCESS conducted outreach for mental health and/or substance abuse in Southeast. The lower East Burnside detail works collaboratively with JOIN, Oregon Department of Transportation, St. Francis Dining Hall, Project Respond, and the local businesses to manage and assist the transient population. Funding amount: \$25,000.
- A second focused outreach project helped to assist the homeless in finding housing and appropriate services. The lower East Burnside detail works with service agencies and local businesses to assist the transient population. Funding amount: \$25,000.
- Southeast Precinct partnered with community agencies to conduct livability crime enforcement missions. Prevention missions focused on burglary and/or car prowling hot spot areas. Prevention materials were distributed door-to-door. Drug house missions focused on specific drug houses.

These missions often provide enough information to obtain search warrants and significantly impact the drug sales in the neighborhood. Bicycle and ATV patrols have been the most visible component of the problem solving strategies. Bicycle teams spend most of their time on Southeast Belmont, Hawthorne, and lower East Burnside enforcing crimes of offensive littering, drinking in public, and drug offenses. ATV patrols are primarily used in the Springwater Corridor, the Eastbank Esplanade, and Oaks Bottom.

The missions were conducted in November, February, March, and May. As a result from the March 2006 mission, 14 people charged with DCS, 6 people charged with PCS, 14 “johns” were arrested, 9 prostitutes were arrested, 23 PFZ exclusions were issued, 4 PFZ arrests, and 13 vehicles were seized. Funding amount: \$50,000.

#### Methamphetamine Initiative - Multi-discipline Approach

- The Drugs and Vice Division conducted missions to identify and arrest illegal narcotics traffickers. Approximately \$14,500 was spent on overtime with \$3,000 for outreach materials. Funding amount: \$30,000.
- The Police Bureau is negotiating a contract position for a social service coordinator with Multnomah County. Drug crimes and drug-related crimes, and the subsequent enforcement efforts, affect the entire household. The family advocate will assist with finding appropriate services. Funding amount: \$85,000.
- The Drugs and Vice Division hired a drug crime analyst to assist officers in identifying and arresting illegal narcotics traffickers by using crime analysis and intelligence. Funding amount: \$85,000.

#### Youth Crime/Gang Prevention and Intervention

- The School Police Division conducted targeted truancy missions resulting in over 100 custodies by May. Funding amount: \$10,000.

- A contract with the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods is being negotiated for Youth Gang Outreach services. Funding amount: \$50,000.
- The Tactical Operations Division's Gang Violence Reduction Team has been activated nine times and cleared one case by arrest. Funding amount \$30,000.
- Transportation provided for youth for the PAL summer sports camp scheduled for June 2006. Funding amount: \$10,000.

#### Street Crimes/Burglary Reduction

- North Precinct partnered with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to conduct residential surveys and provide site hardening techniques and education. Funding amount: \$25,000.
- Northeast Precinct partnered with the Northeast Crime Prevention coordinators to conduct canvasses and surveys of the community to identify areas of concern. They also created an e-mail notification system aimed at improving communication to neighborhood leaders. Funding amount: \$25,000.
- East Precinct conducted DUII and prostitution "johns" missions, resulting in over a hundred citations, dozens of arrests and prostitution arrests, and more than 80 vehicles towed and/or seized. Funding amount: \$25,000.

#### Community-directed Crime Reduction Strategies and Community Livability Missions through O/T and other strategies

- East Precinct conducted prostitution missions along 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave., holiday DUII missions and missions along the MAX line. Funding amount: \$50,000
- Northeast Precinct conducted violent crime interdiction missions for prostitution, drug related investigations, chronic nuisances, and other street related and violent crime. Bicycle officer missions were conducted. Missions focused on community outreach and extra police visibility. Funding amount: \$50,000.
- North Precinct conducted missions focused on youth and community problems. Missions included curfew, youth interdiction, identity theft prevention/document shredding, support of the SOLV clean-up, drugs, and support of the Interstate Motel Agreement. In addition, signs were purchased for the Enhanced Safety Properties in partnership with ONI. Funding amount: \$40,000.
- The Traffic Division conducted neighborhood safety missions to address community traffic safety complaints regarding prevalent traffic violations. Several hundred citations were issued, vehicles towed, and several arrests have resulted from those missions. Funding amount: \$10,000.
- To promote bicycle safety, PDOT provided the Traffic Division with 400 bicycle headlights and taillights. In November 2005, Traffic Division officers stopped bicyclists operating without lighting during darkness in violation of ORS 815.280. During these contacts, officers provided bicycle headlights and taillights, assisted mounting them, and issued traffic safety warnings or citations. Over 250 light sets have been distributed. Planning is underway for a program of bicycle rodeos, the objective being to teach safe riding skills to children of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade ages. Funding amount: \$90,000.

### Precinct Community Policing Support

- The five precincts researched a variety of community based projects to implement in 2006-07 to foster the goals of community policing. Funding amount: \$15,000 divided by five precincts.

### Lloyd Center District

- Northeast Precinct provides a non-sworn employee to support a community prosecutor and to interact with community partners to develop in the Lloyd Center district. This has resulted in the preparation of approximately 45 misdemeanor cases per month. Funding amount: \$45,000.

### Mayor's Youth Activities Grants Program, through BHCD

- The Mayor's Office through the Bureau of Housing and Community Development targeted youth who had contact with the juvenile justice system to make resources available for education and recreation activities during the summer months. Grants were distributed to Success Academy and Latino Network. Funding amount: \$50,000.

The Police Bureau proposes to implement the following COP strategies in fiscal year 2006-07, with a budget of \$1,000,000.

### **Downtown-OldTown-Chinatown and Southeast**

- Central and Southeast precincts partnered with Project ACCESS for outreach for mental health and/or substance abuse. Funding amount: \$75,000.
- Central and Southeast precincts partnered with Bureau of Housing and Community Development and JOIN through First Response for outreach services to engage homeless and assist in finding long-term housing. Funding amount: \$75,000.

### **Meth strategies**

- The Drugs and Vice Division continued the funding for a drug crime analyst position. Funding amount: \$100,000.

### **Youth crime**

- The Police Bureau will provide funding for transportation at future PAL events. Funding amount: \$15,000.
- School Police will conduct truancy missions: Funding amount: \$10,000.
- School Police and precincts will conduct curfew missions. Funding amount: \$15,000.
- School Police partnered with Northeast Coalition for continued Youth Gang Outreach services. Funding amount: \$75,000.
- Tactical Operations will conduct gang violence reduction missions. Funding amount: \$30,000.
- The Police Bureau will partner with Harry's Mother for a new reception center configuration to support curfew missions. Funding amount: \$40,000.
- Mayor's Youth Activities – Success Academy. Funding amount: \$30,000.

### **Community-directed strategies**

- The Police Bureau will continue the neighborhood livability missions at the precincts. Funding amounts: \$75,000 for Central, \$50,000 for East, \$45,000 for Southeast, \$50,000 for Northeast, and \$35,000 for North.
- Traffic Division will conduct traffic neighborhood safety missions. Funding amount: \$20,000.
- The Police Bureau will enhance bicycle patrols at the five precincts. Funding amount: \$200,000.
- The Police Bureau will focus on Inter-Bureau Task Force locations to include programming for youth related missions. Funding amount: \$50,000.
- Operations Branch will support the Enhanced Safety Properties program. Funding amount: \$10,000.

I believe these strategies incorporate our community goals of reducing crime and the fear of crime, improving neighborhood livability and building relationships with the community. I look forward to presenting highlights of these results to you at the council hearing on August 2.

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