

**MEMO**  
**February 09, 2007**



To: A. J. Johnson, City Administrator  
From: Captain Michael L. Scott  
Through: Gary R. Coderoni, Chief of Police  
Subject: Domestic Violence Assistance Grant

The Police Department is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Iowa Department of Justice, Crime Victim Assistance Division. The grant request is a renewal for overtime funds used to support the police department's Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). The Muscatine Police Department has been a recipient of this award for the last nine years. The grant request is for \$10,500.00 accompanied with a city match amount of \$3,500.00, bringing the total grant request to \$14,000.00. This is an increase in the request from fiscal year 2006-2007 of \$3,000.00 (a required match increase of \$750.00). The grant increase is due to additional domestic violence cases and an increase in the complexity of the more serious cases investigated over the last two years.

The mechanics of the grant allows for a trained domestic abuse investigator to be called in on an overtime basis to investigate allegations of domestic violence. The investigator coordinates the police investigation along with the response of an advocate from Family Resources, Inc. The investigator works closely with the Muscatine County Attorney's office to issue no-contact orders and offers a one on one relationship with the victim in these cases.

Over the nine-year existence of the DART program, investigators have responded to 1018 calls of domestic violence and arrested 904 perpetrators of domestic assault. Of these arrests, 83% have been successfully prosecuted.