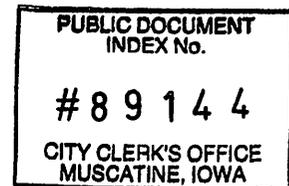


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MEMO
July 29, 2004

To: A.J. Johnson, City Administrator

From: Gary R. Coderoni, Chief of Police

Subject: Agenda item for Council meeting of August 5, 2004

I am requesting permission from the Muscatine City Council to assign one Police Officer to the Federal Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Funding for this position is made available through a federal grant, which would account for the entire amount of the assigned officer's wages and benefits and overtime allocation, as well as a vehicle, vehicle maintenance and fuel costs. The grant is currently managed by the Scott County Sheriff's Office and funding for this assignment is secured until January 2006. This program requires the Police Department to backfill the vacancy of the assigned officer. The assigned officer would be housed at the Federal Bureau of Investigations Office in Moline, Illinois and his/her responsibilities would be the investigation of criminal activities, which fall under a Homeland Security umbrella.

Since the events of September 11, 2001, Joint Terrorism Task Forces have been created throughout the United States with the goal of mending the communication gaps that had previously existed between agencies. Officers assigned to these task forces work as a group over a specific geographic area under federal control and guidelines. Information available to the Task Force Members is considered matters of National Security and can only be disseminated to other officers with similar federal security clearance levels. The Muscatine Police Department became a member of the area Joint Terrorism Task Force in January 2003. At that time the Task Force was in its infancy with no real funding and operating only with part time/as needed personnel. Because of the obvious terrorism targets within a 100 mile radius of the Quad City area, funding is now available for a full time task force dedicated to homeland security issues. Our current member is a supervisor within the Muscatine Police Department with the necessary security clearances in place to exchange information with other members

of the JTTF. Our goal is to assign one patrol officer to the JTTF and maintain the line of communication between our existing supervisor and the JTTF operations. This will allow for intelligence information to be passed to our supervisor, which by other means will be unavailable to us.

Our participation in this program will continue to benefit the City of Muscatine with regards to securing additional grant funds through Homeland Security Grant programs. Last year we were able to obtain Homeland Security monies in the amount of \$25,000.00. This was appropriated in part because of our involvement in the existing JTTF as a question specifically asked in the grant application is, "Has your agency participated in any type of joint terrorism task force activity, or are such activities planned in the near future?" Our ability to answer this question in the affirmative greatly increases our chances in securing these types of grants.

It is my position that the current budget for Police Operations will not need to be increased to allocate an officer to the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Should the program be dissolved for any reason, the assigned officer would return to the patrol division of the Muscatine Police Department. If the officer was returned and caused an overage in the budget, the low seniority officer would be laid off until such time as a position became available through attrition. In my opinion this is highly unlikely given the normal turnover within the police department.