

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager; File

SUBJECT: Ordinance Accepting a Donation to the San Antonio Police Department.

DATE: May 20, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager, or her designated representative, to accept cash donations in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the South Texas Merchants Association and \$3,100.70 from the San Antonio Citizen Police Academy (SACPA) to the San Antonio Police Department K-9 Unit. The funds will be used to defray part of the costs required for the replacement of two (2) police dogs. There is no match requirement.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The South Texas Merchants Association and the San Antonio Citizen Police Academy (SACPA) have indicated a desire to provide donations of \$5,000.00 and \$3,100.70 respectively, to the San Antonio Police Department K-9 Unit as a community relations initiative. The funds, if approved, will be utilized to defray part of the costs required for the replacement of two (2) police dogs. The funds will not fully pay for the total cost of the police dogs, which is \$6,000.00 per dog or \$12,000.00 total. There are currently nine (9) active police dogs in the K-9 Unit which usually operates with a total of twelve (12) police dogs. Two (2) dogs have already retired due to age and one (1) dog will soon be retired for medical reasons. The approval of the action will further enhance the effectiveness of the police dogs and officers in this unit and the work they perform.

On February 28, 2004, SACPA held a special "Paws for Justice" benefit raffle at the Petsmart store located on Highway 281 North. The raffle raised \$3,100.70 specifically for the K-9 Unit of the Police Department. On April 20, 2004, the South Texas Merchants Association presented the Mayor and members of the City Council the \$5,000.00 donation on the steps of City Hall.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This action continues City Council's policy of accepting donations in order to maximize City crime prevention and enforcement programs and to decrease the potential of violence in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

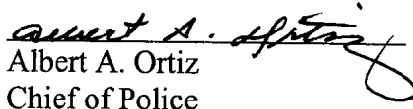
The cash donations to the Police Department total \$8,100.70. The South Texas Merchants Association donated \$5,000.00 and the San Antonio Citizen Police Academy donated \$3,100.70. The funds will be applied toward the purchase of two (2) police dogs, the training and certification of the dogs and the dogs' handlers. The remaining costs for the purchase will be from Asset Seizure funds. No General Fund monies will be expended on the purchase. Expenditures for support commodities such as food will be funded through the Police Department K-9 Unit budget.

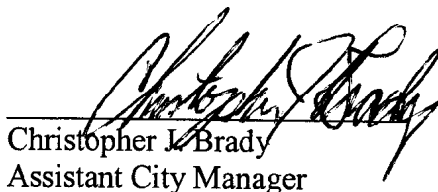
COORDINATION

This ordinance request has been coordinated with the Finance Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Management & Budget.

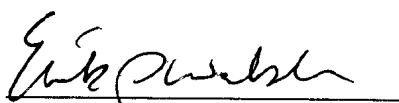
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

This item does not require an Ethics Disclosure Statement.


Albert A. Ortiz
Chief of Police


Christopher J. Brady
Assistant City Manager

Approved:


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager