

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Ordinance Accepting a Donation to the San Antonio Police Department
DATE: January 6, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the Interim City Manager, or his designated representative, to accept a cash donation from Target Stores to the Financial Crimes Unit, Forgery Detail of the San Antonio Police Department, amends the budget and appropriates funds in the amount of \$700.00.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ms. Sherry Rodrigues, Field Coordinator, Community Relations of the Target Corporation, has indicated a desire to provide a \$700.00 donation from Target Stores to the San Antonio Police Department Financial Crimes Unit Forgery Detail as a community relations initiative. The funds, if approved, will be utilized to purchase a VCR and a monitor to further enhance the capabilities of the Forgery Detail.

This equipment will assist in the fight against check and credit card fraud as well as identity theft, which continues to plague the retail industry. Each year the Forgery Detail receives approximately 12,000 complaints of check forgery, credit card abuse, and identity theft. In many instances, the best evidence available when attempting to identify the suspect is a videotape of the fraudulent transaction. This equipment will allow the Forgery Detail to better view the video tapes submitted to them as evidence by producing a sharper image of the video tape.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of accepting donations from business enterprises to support City crime prevention and enforcement programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

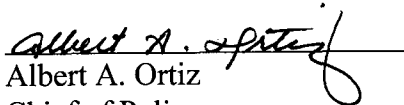
The cash grant donated to the Department by Target Stores totals \$700.00. This action amends the Police Department General Fund budget and appropriates funds in the amount of \$700.00.

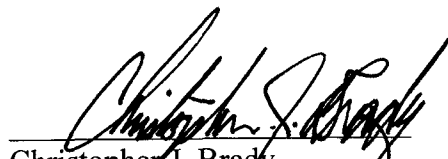
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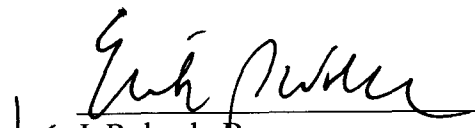
This ordinance request has been coordinated with the Finance Department, the City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Management & Budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

This item does not require an Ethics Disclosure Statement. A copy of the correspondence conveying the donation to the San Antonio Police Department is attached.


Albert A. Ortiz
Chief of Police


Christopher J. Brady
Assistant City Manager


J. Rolando Bono
Interim City Manager

TARGET CORPORATION



August 31, 2004

Sergeant Martin J. Landgraf
Forgery Detail
San Antonio Police Department
214 West Nueva
PO Box 839948
San Antonio, TX 78283

Dear Sgt. Landgraf:

Target Corporation is pleased to inform the San Antonio Police Department that a grant has been approved in the amount of \$700 for support of a JVC SR-V10U VCR and a Panasonic CT-2789VYD Monitor. Target Corporation is proud to support public agencies and nonprofit organizations such as yours that make our communities a better place to live and work.

Target Corporation is committed to giving back to the communities in which we operate stores. This year, we will give over \$2 million a week to nonprofit organizations nationwide.

We would appreciate being identified as Target Stores in any announcements or recognition of this grant. We hope this grant will further the important work you do and wish you success in your worthwhile efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry Rodrigues". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sherry" being more prominent.

Sherry Rodrigues
Field Coordinator
Community Relations

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