

# Court Surcharge

Study Session

Date: June 22, 2015

Presentation 15-229



# Purpose

Ordinance No. 1525, Article IV, Sec. 12-83

The proceeds of the surcharge herein authorized shall be deposited in a special fund and used solely for purposes as determined by the City Manager for community justice programs and victim and witness assistance programs in the City of Commerce City.



# Background

1. Ordinance 1525 approved Dec. 15, 2003
2. Effective Jan. 1, 2004
3. 30% of the fines and costs assessed, provided the total fine and surcharge shall not exceed the maximum fine authorized for the violation
4. Surcharge is not subject to waiver or suspension
5. Proceeds of the surcharge are used solely for purposes determined by City Manager for community justice programs and victim/witness assistance programs



# Background

- 2004 – 2006 Funds used solely for victim advocate program
- 2007 court probation expenses and the Link Program were added
- 2009 a separate division was created for the Community Justice Program and several programs were added.



# Community Justice Programs

- Probation ordered by Municipal Court
- Teen Court
- Juvenile Info System
- The Link
- Police Explorers
- Neighbors to Neighbors
- SRO Jam Program
- National Night Out, Every 15 Minutes, Alive at 25
- School Safety Crossing Guards
- Stranger Danger
- Senior Volunteer Program
- Crime Prevention Materials
- Court Software



# Revenue/Expense History

Year	Revenue	Expense	Difference	Fund Balance
2004 - 2008	\$1,038,996.00	\$715,775.87	\$323,220.13	\$323,220.13
2009	310,754.00	174,831.52	135,922.48	459,142.61
2010	318,547.82	212,929.17	105,618.65	564,761.26
2011	326,018.25	289,106.67	36,911.58	601,672.84
2012	201,515.00	273,364.28	(71,849.28)	529,823.56
2013	157,528.68	256,874.65	(99,345.97)	430,477.59
2014	189,994.00	290,035.21	(100,041.21)	330,436.38



# Funding Requests: Reform

- City Council previously asked what actions they could take to ensure the sustainability of reform underway in the police department?
- Focus revenue to implement specific community justice, victim and witness programs to enhance and accelerate reform



# President's Task Force On 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing

- Initiated by Executive Order Dec. 18, 2014, following several controversial incidents that exposed relationship rifts between local police and the communities they protect and serve.
- Comprehensive report contains recommendations around six pillars, each with multiple action items for consideration by local governments





# President's Task Force On 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing

Building  
Trust &  
Legitimacy

Technology  
& Social  
Media

Training &  
Education

Policy &  
Oversight

Community  
Policing &  
Crime  
Reduction

Officer  
Wellness &  
Safety

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/policingtaskforce>

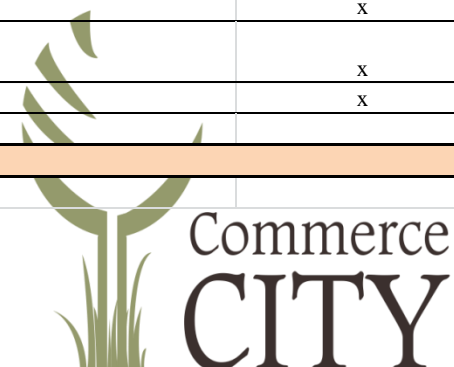


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# Work Plan Alignment

#3 Other/Miscellaneous Objectives				
Program	Department Lead	Department Team	2015	2016-2017
Recruitment/Selection	PSU	Command Staff	x	
Less Lethal Program - Tasers	Patrol		x	
Evidence Storage Facility Study	Gomez	Support Services	x	
Long Gun Availability for Patrol	Schoepflin	Support Services		
Sergeants Process	PSU	Command Staff		
Fire Station/EOC	Chief			
Marijuana Regulations	Chief			
New Uniform Policy and Bid for uniforms and equipment	Richard			
Cleaning up the O/ and G/ drives	Administration			
Badge and Honor Ceremony				x
Create a Chief's Advisory Council (citizen board)				x
Citizen's Academy	PSU			x
Spanish Citizen's Academy	PSU/CPO			x
Satisfaction Survey - use City survey to ask specific questions related to police service	Administration	Command Staff		x
Northern Sub-Station - re-assess and re-evaluate for budget	Gomez	Support Services		x
Red Light Camera Expansion	Chatman	Command Staff		x

Citizen Advisory Council



# Police Body Cameras

## Pros

- Trust
- Behavior modification
- Training Opportunities
- Reduce Use of Force



## Cons

- Costs
- Turning the Camera on/off
- Privacy concerns



# Colorado agencies using cameras



<http://www.cpr.org/news/story/facts-and-background-colorados-body-cameras>

# Next Steps

- Discussion of court surcharge and proposed options for revenue use
- Budget presentation August 17

