

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew M. Fertal **FROM:** Joseph M. Polisar
DEPT.: City Manager **DEPT.:** Police
SUBJECT: OVERNIGHT TRAINING **DATE:** February 26, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To obtain approval for three City employees to attend the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit Training Conference held in Boston, Massachusetts, April 7-11, 2008, and for one of these employees to attend an LEIU Executive Board Meeting, prior to the conference in Boston, Massachusetts, April 4-6, 2008. This seminar is being hosted by the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU) and the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA).

BACKGROUND

The Garden Grove Police Department has been a member of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit since 1965. The purpose of this organization, founded in 1956, is to provide leadership and promote professionalism in the criminal intelligence community. Annually, the association hosts a training conference at various locations throughout the United States and Canada. This year's conference is being held in Boston, Massachusetts.

DISCUSSION

With 240 member agencies in three countries, LEIU remains the only organization of its kind to promote the professional trust, integrity, and communication required to facilitate the lawful and ethical sharing and use of criminal intelligence among law enforcement agencies.

The Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit is holding its annual training conference on the dates listed above. This conference will address the function of law enforcement when collecting, processing and handling criminal intelligence information. Classes include such topics as basic criminal intelligence, legal issues, officer in charge, anarchists, Asian organized crime and gangs, Middle Eastern culture and cyber crimes.

Each year, the Department sends personnel to this training conference due to the "one-stop" nature of the varied training offered in one location at one time. It is important for Garden Grove Police personnel to attend this conference in order to

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assure that the Department is acting under current case law and Government policies.

It is important for the Department to send personnel this year. Both supervisory personnel in charge of the Department's Terrorism Liaison Officer Program and Intelligence Unit, as well as our investigator assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (FBI-JTTF), were assigned to these positions in January of last year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total approximate cost for three City employees to attend the conference is \$6500, which includes transportation, registration fees, meals and lodging. This cost also includes the costs associated with sending one of the employees to the LEIU Board of Director's meeting for the 3 days prior to the conference (\$750).

Our City is a member of the Anaheim Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which funds this program, has approved the spending of UASI training funds for this conference. We currently have \$12,327 allocated in our UASI training funds. Therefore the only impact on City funds would be the \$750 needed to cover the per diem and hotel costs of the LEIU Executive Board meeting, as UASI funds will not cover these costs. The Department had previously budgeted funding to send a representative to this conference. Therefore, no additional funding is required.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

Sending appropriate Department personnel to this training conference will assist the Police Department in meeting its Community Vision goal as set forth by the City to: "Ensure that the Garden Grove Police and Fire departments remain efficient, high-quality public safety service providers."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Approve the request for three City employees to attend the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit Training Conference, held in Boston, Massachusetts, April 7-11, 2008.
- Approve the request for one City employee to additionally attend the LEIU Executive Board Meeting, held prior to the conference in Boston, Massachusetts, April 4-6, 2008.

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