



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

August 26, 2009

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on March 11, 2009 – June 24, 2009 and July 8, 2009 [respectively]:

Docket # 0389 – Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$182,875.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, for the purpose of funding the Boston Police Department Buffer Zone Protection Project.

Docket # 0869 – Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 10 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive grant of \$1,945,624.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety State 911 Department.

Docket # 0870 – Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY10 State 911 Department Training grant funds of \$362,673.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

Docket # 0944 – Message and order re-authorizing the Police Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to a maximum of \$200,000.00 for the purposes of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities, and to provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.

having considered the same, respectfully recommends that these matters ought to pass.


Stephen J. Murphy, Chair
Committee on Public Safety

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FY 07 Buffer Zone Protection Program

Funder: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Homeland Security Division

Grant Name: FY 07 Buffer Zone Protection Program

Start Date: 2008

End Date: 2009

Award Amount: \$182,875.00

Budget: **Supplies/Equipment: \$182,875.00**
Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZP)

The Area of concern is Houghton Chemical Plant located in the Allston Brighton Neighborhood of the City of Boston. The neighborhood is unique in demographics and density. In the area of demographics, the plant is located in the vicinity of three major universities; Boston College, Boston University, and Harvard University. The Allston Brighton neighborhood houses many of the students attending college in Boston. The majority of the dwellings in this section of the city are multi-level row houses. Boston is unique in density. The majority of Boston's 670,000 residents live in an apartment or condominium in a multi-unit dwelling; this creates areas of concern that are unique only to Boston.

The potential risk posed by Houghton Chemical Plant to our residential areas is significant, in that it raises an issue with standoff area. The need for buffer zones is great. To help the City of Boston to be better prepared to prevent and protect the city, we need tools that will allow first responders to be well protected when entering hot zones of contamination, or tools that will assist in creating greater standoff areas or perimeters.

The following tools and equipment are being requested by the City of Boston to enhance the safety of officers preventing and protecting the City in the fight against terror.

ISI Viking ST self contained breathing apparatus

These suits will enable City of Boston first responders to enter into hot zones and areas of contamination, while sustaining a level of safety, provided by the suit. In the event of a chemical release response or to determine the origin of such, the Viking St SCBA suit will enable responders to provide a quicker response into the area of concern, thus providing a faster solution, preventing further harm to Bostonians.

Laptop Computers

These computers will be used by the Critical Infrastructure Team assigned to collect critical infrastructure data that will be used to create reports and products including buffer zone reports and Automated Critical Asset Manager System data collection and Storage. These computers are built to work with pictures, mapping and graphics.

ETGI Model DL-007 Crime Response System (throw/rescue phone)

This tool is not only a phone, but also a video camera and a microphone/recording device. In the event of a situation with hostages or barricaded suspects inside Houghton Chemical, this tool will enable negotiators and commanders to speak with, look at, and listen to the area, the people and any comments of the suspects/victim; to provide real-time intelligence into a situation that would otherwise be a blind spot. Further, in the event of a release, the tool can be thrown into the contaminated area and allow first responders to speak to and receive information from the people inside without contaminating themselves. Again, allowing field commanders to be better informed to enhance and help determine critical decisions that need to be made in the blink of an eye.

Nikon D-80 Camera 10.3 Mega-pixel media devices cameras

These cameras will be used by the Critical Infrastructure Team assigned to collect critical infrastructure information and pictures that will be used to create reports and products including buffer zone reports and Automated Critical Asset Manager System data collection and reporting. These cameras are built to high quality pictures to be used with mapping, reporting and other intelligence products.

Recon Scout

Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment IT Law Enforcement Equipment
The Recon Scout is necessary for responding officers and field commanders to receive real time information and intelligence inside areas of containment, to make better informed decisions in the event of a situation, such as: what tools are needed to prevent the situation from getting worse, medical assistance to injured parties, locations of suspects, locations of secondary devices in place to cause harm to first responders. This necessary tool will provide timely information, without risking the lives of first responders.

IVC Camera IT Media Devices Cameras

The IVS Cameras are "quick deploy" cameras that can be up and running in minutes. Such a tool is necessary as a "force-multiplier" providing eyes that record in buffer zone areas around Houghton Chemical; providing another level of protection that will strengthen the prevention of penetration into Houghton Chemical.



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

January 22, 2009

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$182,875.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. This award is made for the purpose of funding the Boston Police Department Buffer Zone Project.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purposes for which these funds were granted.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND \$182,875.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PROJECT, AWARDED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY - HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION.

ORDERED: That the Police Commissioner, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the award of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, not to exceed the amount of One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five dollars (\$182,875.00).

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.


WILLIAM F. SINNOTT
CORPORATION COUNSEL SBD