Thursday, July 23, 2009

## Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 54

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$410,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$410,000 to purchase a mobile shooting range.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division for the grant period June 15 - September 30, 2009. There is no required match. Related to Item #53.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This grant provides funds to purchase a mobile shooting range. The shooting range will improve law enforcement firearms skills and decision making capabilities. Practicing in a controlled learning environment will allow first responders to safely improve the basic skills needed to perform their duties. The computer-simulated equipment will increase the technological capacity of the department and allow public safety personnel to more effectively and efficiently respond to emergency and non-emergency incidents. The range will provide firearms training regardless of the time of the day or weather conditions; increase the frequency of firearms training by bringing the training facility to the officers; and increase the ability of instructors to incorporate decision making skills in live-fire training situations.

This grant addresses the Department goals of reducing the violent crime rate and the property crime rate.