

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan L. Roeder
Dept.: Interim City Manager
Subject: AUTHORIZATION FOR FOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO ATTEND THE "2015 INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN" CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA GEORGIA, FROM JUNE 2 THROUGH JUNE 5, 2015

From: Todd Elgin
Dept.: Police
Date: April 28, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memo is for the City Council approval of four Police Department personnel to attend the "2015 Internet Crimes Against Children" conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 2, through June 5, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Garden Grove Police Department currently is a member of the "Internet Crimes Against Children" (ICAC) Task Force. The Police Department joined the ICAC Task Force in February of 2012. ICAC is a national network of forty six coordinated local task forces engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. Our local Task Force is administered by the Los Angeles Police Department and is based in the City of Long Beach.

The ICAC Task Force Program provides technical resources for the use of the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. CVIP offers law enforcement agencies the ability to check their case files for known victims as well as providing a clearinghouse for the submission of newly identified child victims.

The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.

DISCUSSION

ICAC provides technical resources, cutting edge training and internet/computer expertise to members of local Task Forces. The Task Force system also allows law enforcement personnel to network and share information.

Internet crimes are rapidly evolving. Many sexual predators are using the internet to network with others, meet their victims and share child pornography. Police training

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must try to keep pace with these sophisticated criminals who are victimizing children on an international level.

The training conference will provide training workshops and expose new members of the Sexual Assault Unit to the latest crime trends and investigative tools available to combat sexual predators who hide behind the Internet to commit their crimes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City for this training.

The ICAC task force has approved four personnel from the Garden Grove Police Department to attend this conference. As participating members of the local ICAC Task Force, the costs to attend this conference are fully reimbursable to the City through the federal government.

The total approximate cost for four Police personnel to attend the ICAC Conference is \$5305.60, which includes transportation, registration fees, meals, and lodging.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Authorize four Police Department personnel to attend the Internet Crimes Against Children Training Conference, held in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 2, through June 5, 2015.



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Chief of Police



By: Ted Peaslee
Lieutenant

Recommended for Approval



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