

Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them to the division. Activities of the patrollers occur in the Hilltop, Franklinton, Merion Southwood, the Ohio State University areas and on several multi-use trails around the City. The duration of this agreement will be March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

This legislation is presented as an emergency to ensure that the community crime patrol program continues without interruption. The current contract expired at the end of February 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract are budgeted at \$433,000 within the Department of Public Safety General Fund Budget for 2008. This contract was funded at \$350,000 in the General Fund and \$283,000 in the Safety Initiative fund in 2007, for a total of \$633,000.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract with the Community Crime Patrol, Inc to provide citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the control and prevention of crime in the Hilltop, Franklinton, and OSU areas and to authorize the expenditure of \$433,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$433,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has agreed to support the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. program; and

WHEREAS, the program is viewed as an aid in the control and prevention of crime in the Hilltop, Franklinton, Merion Southwood and Ohio State University areas, as well as on several multi-use trails throughout Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Safety desires to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the provision of citizen patrollers, who assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to ensure the continuation of the program without interruption, for the preservation of the public peace, property, safety, and welfare; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the purpose of providing citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the identification and reporting of suspicious activity. The contract period will be March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$433,000.00, or so much thereof as necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Public Safety, Division No. 30-01, General Fund, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 300111.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.