



## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: April 11, 2012

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Gary G. Mayer, Chief of Police  
Keith A. Frye, Captain

SUBJECT: US Secret Service- National Computer Forensic Institute (NCFI)

### Background:

During the summer of 2010, the Police Department learned that the US Department of Homeland Security, the US Secret Service, the Alabama District Attorneys Association, and the State of Alabama had established a National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) with the intent of providing state and local law enforcement officers with the training necessary to conduct electronic crimes investigations, investigations of network intrusion incidents, and computer forensic examinations in a state-of-the-art facility. All NCFI training courses, travel expenses, lodging, and per diem expenses were made available through funding from the Department of Homeland Security.

In May of 2011, the Troy Police Department secured authorization from the US Secret Service and the US Department of Homeland Security for a Troy Police Officer to attend the training, which was completed in July.

Last week, through our affiliation with this initiative, we received a new forensic computer and related hardware worth \$10,273.00. This hardware provides the Department with the capability to continue to investigate electronic crimes with up to date equipment, at no additional cost to the City.

Financial Considerations: None

Legal Considerations: None

Policy Considerations:

This partnership with the US Secret Service and the US Department of Homeland Security enhances the livability and safety of our community and contributes to providing a more effective and efficient local government.