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Oakland County Tactical Response

Law Enforcement Coordinating Group

June 15, 2012

Mr. Michael Culpepper
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City of Troy
500 West Big Beaver Road
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Dear Mr. Culpepper:

In 2009, the Oakland County Tactical Response Law Enforcement Coordinating Group was established. The purpose of this group is to prepare Oakland County in the event of a major incident requiring a mutual aid response.

Since its inception, OakTac has had numerous accomplishments. While working with the Michigan State Police in May of 2009, OakTac implemented a Small Squad Tactics (SST) train the trainer program at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. The training progressed throughout the summer of 2009 and OakTac trainers took on the role of lead instructors. Almost 700 law enforcement personnel from Oakland County attended the SST training.

In December 2009, we applied for a 2008 UASI grant for personal protective equipment to outfit 100 officers responding to a civil unrest incident and two trailers to house and quickly deploy the equipment. The grant was awarded in the spring of 2010 and an equipment list and vendors was quickly established. This equipment is now in service and available to OakTac. The committee continued to meet throughout 2010 and discussed a future large scale training exercise and worked on the mutual aid agreement to be signed by participating agencies.

In August 2011, OakTac applied for another 2010 UASI grant to purchase crowd control barricades, two trailers to house the barricades, and funding to cover overtime backfill for a large scale training exercise to utilize the equipment purchased with the 2008 grant. This grant was approved in September 2011.

In March 2012, Interlocal Service Agreements were signed by participating agencies (Oakland County, Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Novi, Oak Park, Royal Oak, and Troy).

A large-scale training was conducted at the CREST facility utilizing SST instructors in May 2012. The goal of this training was to promote interoperability between members of different law enforcement agencies and to prepare for the use of all available resources should an incident occur and an individual agency does not have the immediate capabilities to complete a mission without outside assistance.

This letter is written to recognize Lieutenant Thomas Gordon's significant contributions while serving as a member of the OakTac Committee. The Committee greatly benefits from his guidance and expertise.

Sincerely,

Gary G. Mayer
OakTac Co-Chairman
Chief, Troy Police Department