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TO: John Lamerato, Acting City Manager

FROM: Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police CTC

SUBJECT: Agenda Item - Selection of Sergeant Donald Ostrowski to serve on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Office of Infrastructure Protection Panel

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Office of Infrastructure Protection (DHS/OIP), has selected Sergeant Donald Ostrowski to serve as a panel member in support of the continued development of the National Asset Database and continuing efforts to assess risk levels regarding the nation's infrastructure.

This ten-member panel, comprised of homeland security experts from around the nation, will meet in Washington D.C., April 10, through April 12, 2006, and will provide recommendations as to the criteria the Department of Homeland Security will use to define assets and systems of national importance within the emergency services sector. The panel will also assist in formulating the criteria for prioritizing various local, state, and federal critical infrastructure assets. Sergeant Ostrowski will attend on an on-duty basis; the federal government will cover his travel and lodging expenses.

The recommendation that Sergeant Ostrowski serve on this prestigious panel is the result of his extensive work and recognized expertise in the area of homeland security. His selection is not only a personal accomplishment, but also one in which the City of Troy and the Troy Police Department should take pride.