

DATE: April 10, 2006

TO: John M. Lamerato, Acting City Manager

FROM: Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police *CC*
Gary G. Mayer, Captain *GM*

Subject: Agenda Item – Troy Daze Festival Hours of Operation

We have reviewed the memorandum and attachments from the Chairman and General Chairman of the Troy Daze Committee. There are some points that require clarification.

The Police Department Administration remains supportive of the *Hours of Operation/Finance, Troy Daze Subcommittee* that recommended closing the fair at 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Please recall that this closing time recommendation is a result of subcommittee meetings that utilized an interest-based bargaining approach facilitated by Assistant City Manager, Brian Murphy. It was agreed on after much discussion, study of the impact on finances, and safety concerns. These meetings were summarized and discussed at the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Troy Daze Advisory Committee. That group agreed on the times after discussion.

We have also reviewed the attachments to the memorandum. The Police Department is supportive of the changes made by the subcommittees. The Police Department has been active in the various subcommittees that made the recommended changes. It is important to note that the Police Department has an interest along with the Troy Daze Committee to provide a venue that is safe for children to attend. This duty to the citizens we serve is the reason we have detailed our concerns in previous memorandums.

We reviewed the attachment which is the speech made by a youth to the Troy Daze Committee. A videotape of the Troy Youth Council meeting, of which he is a member, was also reviewed. They are incorrect and misinformed regarding some of the issues they raise. The Police Department's positive efforts in serving the youth of this community are well documented. Lieutenant Scherlinck is making efforts to arrange a meeting for representatives of the Troy Youth Council to meet with Captain Mayer and himself. We will discuss their concerns and correct their misperceptions.

In closing, we would reinforce our support of maintaining the agreed upon closing time of the fair on Friday and Saturday at 10:00 p.m. with the parking closing at 9:00 p.m. Please advise if we can be of further service.