



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

July 30, 2007

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police
Lieutenant Gerard Scherlinck, Community Service Section

SUBJECT: Limited Brands Law Enforcement Loss Prevention Grant

Background:

- Community Services Section Officer Andy Breidenich is assigned to act as liaison between the retail community and the police department.
- These liaison efforts have allowed the department to:
 - Establish partnerships with private sector loss prevention personnel
 - Provide training in the prevention, detection, and apprehension of retail related criminals
 - Share intelligence information on suspects victimizing retail establishments to increase the likelihood of detection and apprehension
 - Maintain strong communication links with this important sector of our community.
- Officer Breidenich has established a very effective working relationship with loss prevention representatives from the Limited Brands stores, which has retail outlets at both major malls located in the city.
- This relationship generated a training seminar on retail crime co-hosted by the Troy Police Department and Limited Brands loss prevention management earlier this year.
- In recognition of this beneficial on-going partnership, Limited Brands Regional Loss Prevention Manager John Zeisloft contacted Officer Breidenich and suggested the Troy Police Department apply for a Limited Brands law enforcement assistance grant.
- Officer Breidenich submitted for the grant specifying that it would be utilized to purchase equipment that would enhance the department's ability to investigate and prosecute those involved in retail related criminal activity.
- Limited Brands awarded the grant, totaling \$1,000, to the department on June 27, 2007.
- The grant will be utilized to purchase a video/still photo camera system for use in combating retail fraud crimes through the videotaping of suspects, crime scenes and evidence. The cameras can also be used to assist in other investigations.

Legal Considerations:

- N/A

Financial Considerations:

- Through this alternative funding resource from the private sector the department was able to obtain state of the art video technology to enhance operations at no cost to the City of Troy.

Policy Considerations:

- City of Troy Goal #1 - Enhance the livability and safety of the community.
- City of Troy Goal #2 - Minimize the cost and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of City government.
- City of Troy Goal #3 - Effectively and professionally communicate internally and externally.

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