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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Shift Overlap Update

This purpose of this LTC is to provide an update on the Police Department's Shift Overlap Initiative which just completed its fourth year.

This proactive policing strategy utilizes the first hour of the officer's shift, which overlaps with the previous shift to target crime trends as well as quality of life violations (i.e. including loud noise, drinking in public and aggressive driving). The overlap period occurs three times each day and provides the Police Department with the manpower needed to set the tone for the rest of the shift.

The results of the shift overlap are tracked by the number of felony and misdemeanor arrests, traffic citations, parking tickets, field interview cards, warnings, and citizen contacts. These categories are tallied at the end of each year to provide a total number of police actions during the shift overlap.

YEAR	TOTAL POLICE ACTIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE AS COMPARED TO 2007
2004	39,818	12%
2005	34,183	24.5%
2006	38,056	16%
2007	45,307	N/A

As evidenced by these numbers, the 2007 overlap statistics have overwhelmingly exceeded the numbers produced in the three previous years that this initiative has been in place.

The shift overlap will continue to be used as one proactive initiative among many others that will be implemented in 2008 to address emerging crime trends and continue the focus on improving quality of life issues throughout the City.

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