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OVERVIEW

Chapter 363 of the Texas Local Government Code allows for the creation of a Crime Control and Prevention District. The District is funded through a sales tax, in this instance it is 1/8 of 1 percent, and must be approved by voters. The purpose of the Crime Control and Prevention District is to make Cleburne a safer place to live, work and drive.

The mission of the Cleburne Crime Control and Prevention District is twofold:

1. To create a safer community by reducing the opportunity for crime through law enforcement and community education.
2. To enhance the response to criminal activity to ensure the prompt apprehension of those who commit crime in the community.

The Cleburne City Council appointed a Temporary Board of Directors for the proposed Crime Control and Prevention District. These board members are Albert Archer Jr., Dr. Danny Crosby, Robert Force, Daniel Griffith, Dr. Robert Long, Kathleen Mims, and Katherine Raines. Councilman Dr. Robert Kelly serves as the City Council Liaison. This board has developed a Crime Control and Prevention Plan as well as a two year Budget Plan for the District.

The following pages outline the Crime Control and Prevention Plan and the Budget. The Plan is made up of three basic strategies which are funded in the Budget. These strategies are:

1. Equipment Provision
2. Enhanced Training
3. Community Involvement Programs.

As dictated by state law, if the voters approve the creation of the District, the City Council will appoint a Permanent Board of Directors. This board will oversee the District and develop annual budgets and plans.

CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION PLAN FY 2011/2012

In recent years, many plans and strategies have been developed by criminal justice experts across the country that attempt to address the problems that plague communities. The most effective crime control and prevention strategy is the simplest. Law enforcement agencies must provide the training and equipment needed by officers so they can do their jobs effectively and efficiently. The Cleburne Police Departments must work with local communities to make Cleburne a safer place to live, work and drive.

The Crime Control Plan for the City of Cleburne implements a basic strategy. The plan involves the following elements –

1. **Equipment** – Equipment needs for law enforcement agencies today are numerous. Officers must have reliable vehicles to use for patrol, response and other activities. Technology changes rapidly and police officers must keep up with that technology. Criminals use computers, cell phones, and other gadgets to commit crimes and law enforcement must use the latest technology as well. Technology can be used to detect and deter crime and to apprehend suspects. The Crime Control and Prevention District seeks to provide the equipment necessary for the operation of a modern law enforcement agency.
2. **Training** – Training is a must for police officers today. The general fund budget of the Cleburne Police Department provides for some training, but most of those funds are utilized for state and court mandated training as well as the classes required for licensing purposes. The Crime Control Plan calls for advanced and specialized training. Officers need training in drug interdiction, criminal investigation techniques, technology crimes, juvenile justice issues and many other areas. The more training an officer has received, the more effective and efficient he or she is. Training is directly related to liability for law enforcement agencies.
3. **Community Involvement** – A law enforcement agency must also be involved in its local community beyond the normal enforcement and response actions. The Cleburne Police Department must work to educate the public about activities and provide information about ongoing crime patterns. Programs like Citizen Police Academies are very effective in fostering positive relationships between police agencies and the public they protect and serve. The Crime Control and Prevention District would also like to see more funding given to community education programs that target children as well as

older residents. Senior citizens are often victimized by criminals who specialize in scams, identity theft, and fraud offenses.

The effectiveness and efficiency of this plan will be evaluated annually by tracking the procurement of equipment, the number of training hours provided to officers, the number of citizens who participate in events and the number of events and other public information efforts that are completed.

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BUDGET FYs 2011/2012**

Year 1

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Expense
Patrol Cars	\$50,000	6	\$300,000
Patrol Motorcycle	\$34,200	3	\$102,600
Training	Varies	n/a	\$50,000
Billboard Rent	\$600 per month	12	\$7,200
Billboard Sign	\$1,500	3	\$4,500
Weapons Upgrade	Varies	n/a	\$15,000
Technology	Varies	n/a	\$62,976
Reserve	\$150,000	1	\$150,000
Administrative	\$8,000	1	\$8,000
		Total	\$700,276

Year 2

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Expense
Patrol Cars	\$50,000	6	\$300,000
Radio Upgrade	Varies	n/a	\$175,000
Training	Varies	n/a	\$50,000
Billboard Rent	\$600 per month	12	\$7,200
Billboard Sign	\$1,500	3	\$4,500
Weapons Upgrade	Varies	n/a	\$12,076
Reserve	\$150,000	1	\$150,000
Administrative	\$1,500	1	\$1,500
		Total	\$700,276

Year 1 (2011-2012)

\$300,000 – Purchase New Patrol Cars

The Cleburne Police Department currently has 14 cars assigned to the patrol division that are used as standard patrol cars. Of these cars, there are four 2009 models, four 2008 models, and six 2007 models. These 14 cars are shared by the 34 officers assigned to the Patrol Division. Some of these cars are driven 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The newest of these cars has more than 62,000 miles on it. Because of budget constraints, the City has not been able to replace cars on the normal schedule. The maintenance costs for these cars are increasing rapidly as the fleet ages.

\$102,600 – Purchase 3 Police Motorcycles

The Cleburne Police Department Traffic Unit has three BMW motorcycles. These motorcycles are 2004, 2005, and 2006 models. The Police Department has not been able to replenish the motorcycle fleet. The motorcycles are an important part of the accident investigation/traffic enforcement program. The three motorcycles currently in use are having major mechanical issues and all three need to be replaced.

\$50,000 – Training

Training is essential to the mission of any police organization. There are many courses mandated each year by the state. There is also training that is necessary to keep officers proficient with their equipment. Mandated training leaves little funding for the specialized training that makes for a well trained department. Overtime funds must frequently be used to cover the absences that occur when officers attend training or when officers need to attend training on their day off. These training funds will also be utilized to conduct a citizen's police academy. The Cleburne Police Department wants to provide educational program for the senior residents as well; they are often targeted by criminals who specialize in scams, identify theft and other fraud offenses. Quality training is one way to lower the civil liability of a police organization.

\$11,700 – Billboard

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Three different signs can be displayed throughout the year with the monies set aside for this item.

\$15,000 – Weapon Upgrades

The Cleburne Police Department issues both pistols and rifles to its officers. They also have shotguns and other weapons that must be maintained. In order for each officer to be equipped with an M4 patrol rifle, 11 more need to be purchased. Each rifle costs approximately \$1850. Five rifles will be purchased the first year. Springs, magazines, and other parts must be replaced on existing weapons as well.

\$62,976 – Technology Upgrades

The computers currently in use by Police Department Personnel are several years old; some of them date back to the original computers bought when the Patrol Division first started using computers. Some of these computers are seven or eight years old. There are 45 computer workstations within the police department and in the offices maintained at Cleburne Independent School District. Administrative personnel, who are required to work from multiple locations, have laptops. In recent years, when a computer crashed, it many times was replaced with an older model that had been rotated out of service by the Information Technology Department. These machines are often too slow to effectively run the software programs we have in use today. Surveillance equipment is a constant need for the Police Department.

\$150,000 – Reserve for future need

Each year, a portion of funds obtained with the tax should be placed in reserve to address future needs. One possible use for the reserve fund might be to renovate the new police department building. The costs of the renovations will include moving the telecommunications center which will be a major expense. Normal renovation costs are expected as well.

\$8,000 – Administrative

This item covers the cost of the election as well as the cost of board meetings and other administrative costs. The cost of the election for the Crime Control and Prevention District is estimated to be \$6,312.50. The other funds will be utilized to pay for other costs, including meeting and office supplies.

Year 2 (2012-2013)

\$300,000 – Purchase New Patrol Cars

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\$175,000 – Radio Upgrade

The federal and state governments developed an interoperable communications plan following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. This plan is known as P25. Public safety agencies are required to be P25 compliant by 2015. The Cleburne Police Department Communications Plan calls for the Cleburne Police Department to switch from the current VHF conventional signal to a 700 MHz system. The plan proposes to purchase dual band radios that will allow communication on the current system and on the new system when it is in place. This line item will allow for the purchase of both handheld and car radios that are needed in order for the department to be compliant with this mandate.

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\$12,076 – Weapon Upgrades

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\$1,500 – Administrative

This item covers the cost of board meetings and other administrative costs.

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BUDGET RECAP

The amount budgeted aligns with the Crime Control and Prevention District as follows –

Year 1

1. Provision of Equipment - \$480,576
2. Training - \$ 40,000
3. Community Involvement -\$ 21,700
4. Reserve Fund- \$150,000
5. Administrative \$ 8,000

Year 2

1. Provision of Equipment- \$487,076
2. Training – \$ 40,000
3. Community Involvement- \$ 21,700
4. Reserve Fund – \$150,000
5. Administrative- \$ 1,500

The administrative costs during year one are budgeted to be 1.14%.

The administrative costs during year two are budgeted to be 0.21%.

The estimated amount of money available to the district each year is \$700,276. The source of this money is a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-eighth of one percent. This will bring the total tax rate for the City of Cleburne to 7.875.

The estimated balance for the end of Year 1 is \$150,000.

The estimated balance for the end of Year 2 is \$300,000.

\$10,000 of the budgeted amount for training will be used for Community Involvement programs each year.