



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Minneapolis Police Department

Date: October 21, 2004

To: Council Dan Niziolek and Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to: None

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Approved by: William P. McManus, Chief MPD \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: Tim Dolan, Deputy Chief MPD

**Subject: Information and the request for council support for the formation of a Minneapolis Police Foundation.**

### Recommendation:

1. Approve the development and implementation of a Police Foundation for the Minneapolis Police Department that would assist the Minneapolis Police Department by funding equipment, training, and other peripheral benefits that are beyond normal budgeting.

### Previous Directives:

None.

#### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

#### Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: NA

City Goals: A

**Minneapolis Police Department Incentive Plans**  
**2004 through 2006**

Comprehensive Plan:	NA
Zoning Code:	NA
Other:	NA

**City Goals:** Police Foundation Goals would 1) show community support for police and enhance community relations, 2) allow funding for support functions, equipment and other peripheral job enhancements that would improve the quality of the work environment for Minneapolis Police Officers.

**Background/Supporting Information**

Police Foundations are common throughout the United States. The development and operation of this foundation will be based on similar organizations in New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and St. Paul.

The rationale is to enhance the department for its employees – sworn and civilian. A foundation operates similar to grant funding for equipment, training, strategies and support. During a time of fewer grant opportunities and declining budgets, a police foundation is viewed as a citizen support opportunity for public safety and public safety personnel.

Program Description

The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) proposes to participate with a citizen and business leader led board of a tax-exempt police foundation. The foundation intends to support the department and their employees with training, awards, equipment, family support, and other peripheral type efforts that are not fully funded by the department's normal budget. For example, the foundation's first goal will be to facilitate the department award banquet.

The idea of forming a Minneapolis Police Foundation was brought to the department by downtown business leaders. St. Paul has announced that they will also be creating a foundation. The rationale is to enhance careers in public safety in Minneapolis while working with business leaders and citizens in the City of Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis Police Department views a foundation as an opportunity to make the department more attractive to current and prospective employees. We have many one-time equipment, training, or support needs that often can not be managed in our normal budget. A foundation would be an acceptable way to manage these types of donations.

The Minneapolis Police Department respectfully asks the Council for their support in participating in such a Foundation. A draft copy for a proposed Internet site is attached.

Deputy Chief Tim Dolan will be the manager for the Minneapolis Police Foundation project.