



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Shivaun Nurre, Acting
Independent Police Auditor

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR THE
ACTING IPA

DATE: September 18, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve travel for Acting Independent Police Auditor Shivaun Nurre to Austin, Texas on October 31-November 3 to attend the annual National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference.

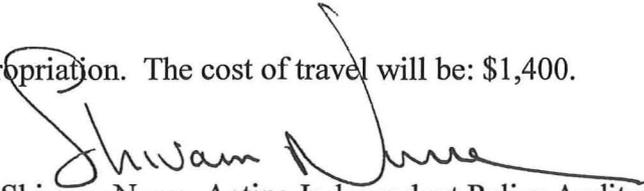
OUTCOME:

Approval of the travel will ensure compliance with Council Policy No. 9-5 which requires Council appointees to seek Council approval for out-of-state travel using the appointee's budget.

BACKGROUND:

NACOLE is the primary professional organization of civilian oversight in the United States. Attendance at the annual conference provides an opportunity for persons employed in oversight positions and law enforcement officers to hear presentations from experts and to exchange information about police oversight. Panels will be covering topics such as investigating and auditing less-lethal force, citizen complaints and officer dissatisfaction, the concept of "respect" from the differing perspectives of community and police, and the use of data to address bias in policing. Featured speakers include Chief of the DOJ's Civil Rights Special Litigation Section Shanetta Cutlar on investigations of the Cincinnati and Detroit police departments, University of South Florida Professor Lorie Fridell who consults and trains in the area of racially biased policing, and Force Science Institute co-founder Bill Lewinsky on the dynamics of force encounters. In the past, all large jurisdictions which have police oversight send their top office personnel to this conference; thus the conference provides a unique opportunity to talk directly to persons well-equipped to provide insight and recommendations on best practices. The San Jose IPA has attended the NACOLE conference every year since 1997.

Source of Funds: IPA's Non Personal Appropriation. The cost of travel will be: \$1,400.


Shivaun Nurre, Acting Independent Police Auditor