



HURSTVILLE SECURITY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

May 25, 2011

Superintendent Ronal Serpas
New Orleans, Police Department
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Re Reforming Paid Details

Dear Chief Serpas:

We read with interest your proposal for overhauling the current program for paid details in the New Orleans Police Department that was submitted to Mayor Landrieu on May 15, 2011.

As president of the Hurstville Security District, I write on their behalf and in conjunction with the Garden District Security District. As you know, both of these entities are special taxing districts dedicated to enhanced security within the boundaries of our respective Districts. These districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana. We are concerned with some facets of the proposal and need clarification on others. Therefore, we request a meeting with you and perhaps representatives from the Department of Justice, if appropriate, to discuss these issues noted below as well as other concerns:

How will workman's comp and liability insurance work? Will the officer and supervisor be covered by the City's policies or will the group requesting the detail be required to carry insurance?

Will all detail officers have access to take home cars/bikes, motorcycles to use in details?

Will the group hiring details have any control over who is hired, who can be dismissed from the detail, and which duties the officer should perform while on detail duty?

Will each group determine their own method of accountability? Can GPS systems be used as they are now?

If an officer does not show up for a detail/ who covers for him/her? How will the hiring group be able to ensure consistent service is delivered given the rotation plan envisioned in the proposal?

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How will the interaction model change between detail officers and the private security patrols maintained by some security districts?

Will the residents of the District be able to contact the officer on duty directly for service as is done now for us or is a dispatch system envisioned?

If an incident occurs, how will reporting work while on a detail? To the group hiring the officer or to the NOPD detail coordinator. Immediate information is necessary for us.

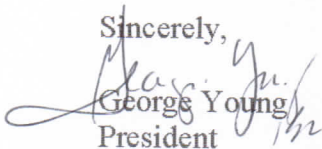
How will the rates for details be set now that many security districts have their budgets set for the remainder of the year?

Will all officers wear NOPD uniforms to provide details or can undercover officers be employed as well?

Most importantly, how can the citizens be assured that the appropriate base level of police protection will be provided by the NOPD at all times and not "short-changed" by the NOPD if details or other patrol services are employed by these districts.

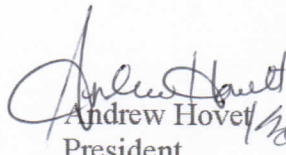
Please let us know when your schedule will allow us the time to meet and discuss these issues. Further, we are willing to coordinate a meeting of several taxing districts that use NOPD details so that the matters can be discussed in the open. We have copied several of these groups that we are familiar with in order to keep the dialog open and helpful to all.

Sincerely,



George Young
President

Hurstville Security District



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Garden District Security District

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Upper Hurstville Security District
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