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MEMO

DATE: January 20, 2009
FROM: D. Michael Collins, Councilman *DMC*
TO: Carleton S. Finkbeiner, Mayor
RE: Fire and Police Classes - 2009

This memorandum is in reference to a very serious public safety issue. The attrition of our police officers and the costs of the Fire Department overtime are placing our citizens in harms way. You may, if you so choose, use the police crime statistics as a foundation to challenge my premise; however, when you look into the seven reportable crimes, independently of one another, you will then see just how unsafe the City of Toledo truly is.

Mayor Finkbeiner, the attached financial analysis demonstrates that we can, and must address this very critical issue. I am sure you would not disagree that public safety is a CORE Service, and must be prioritized in terms of municipal governance. Failure to address these issues will bring negative consequences of major proportions in 2011.

In closing, please accept this documentation and the attached analysis from the spirit in which it is being sent. My purpose is no different than yours: to maintain for our citizens a safety-minded and caring municipal government. I remain.

DMC:jg

Enclosure (1)

cc: Bob Reinbolt, Chief of Staff
Theresa M. Gabriel, Assistant Chief of Staff
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All Members of Toledo City Council
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Fire and Police Classes 2009

- \$3,750,00 in 2009 Budget for Fire Division overtime
- 40 Fire Fighters \$2,400,000 (Wages and Benefits) @ \$60,000 / employee
- 30 Police Officers \$1,800,000 (Wages & Benefits) @ \$60,000 / employee
- Reduce Fire Academy from 6 months to 10 weeks; this will result in \$2,968,750 savings in overtime due to the 103 staffing levels and pick up the balance of training in "In Service" Training
- Total costs for both Police and Fire Class \$4,200,000 with 10% pension pick-up in benefits
- Total costs for both Police and Fire Class \$3,780,000 with 10% pension pick-up not included in benefits
- Difference in Fire overtime with **no** employee pension pick up \$793,259 in cost avoidance
- Sale of the two properties in Monclova Township (June 2008) \$1,800,000 (properties have not closed as of this date)
- Current Fire strength – 478
- Current Police strength – 639
- Police Strength July 1, 2007 – 684 (net loss of 45 patrolmen from 2007)
- Projected Police Strength January 1, 2010 will be 600 +/- 5

The net budget gain from the sale of the property and the positive impact from Fire overtime will be \$2,593,259; these monies must go to the Budget Stabilization Fund.