

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 10, 2022

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **June 22, 2022, City Council Draft Agenda Item #58; 22-1218 Boat Donation for the Dallas Police Department**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on June 22, 2022.

Draft Agenda Item #58; 22-1218

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a donated 2019 Protector Targa 310 boat with an estimated value of \$250,000.00 from Victor Vescovo to the Dallas Police Department - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information)

Background

The 2000 Protector Targa 310 is a vessel specifically designed for law enforcement and other patrol duties. Currently the Protector line of boats are used by governments around the world for law enforcement, coast guard and security duties. The addition of the Protector boat to the Dallas Police Northeast Marine Unit will enhance the unit's ability to patrol and respond to calls for service in a variety of conditions on Lake Ray Hubbard. The boat's design provides operators a stable platform to operate and has a semi enclosed console that will shield personnel from adverse weather conditions during operation. In addition to the design, the boat's twin 300hp engines will allow the Marine Unit the capability to quickly respond to any area of the lake faster than the current boats in active service.

The Dallas Police Marine Unit has provided police protection on Lake Ray Hubbard since 1972. The unit is comprised of officers assigned to the Northeast Patrol Division who are certified Marine Safety Enforcement Officers through Texas Parks and Wildlife. This certification allows officers to enforce all laws and ordinances involving water and boat safety pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Wildlife Code and the Texas Water Safety Act. Currently there are always a minimum of two officers assigned to the lake from the hours of 8am to 10pm. After 10pm other certified officers are on standby and respond to the lake as needed. In addition to standard water patrol, the unit also has responsibility to provide law enforcement services to multiple critical infrastructure sites on the lake consisting of the south dam, water intake, Oncor Electric Plant and all bridges of I-30 that go across the lake. The Unit also conducts patrols of 4 public boat ramps and 5 lakeside marinas. Currently the Marine Unit answers an average of 150 calls for service per year at the lake. The billion-dollar resort planned for the Lake Ray Hubbard area will greatly increase Dallas Police calls for service and police activity on the lake. The Sapphire Bay Resort is scheduled for completion in the fall 2023.

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FISCAL INFORMATION

This action has no cost consideration to the City. Estimated maintenance cost for the donated boat are \$3,900.00 for Fiscal Year 2022, Fiscal Year 2023 and Future years \$2,300.00.



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