

memo

FROM THE DESK OF DAVE DOLTER...

To: ALAMO POLICE SERVICES ADVSORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
From: Dave Dolter
CC: Donna Maxwell
Date: 4/7/2014
Re: 1. RETURN TO SOURCE FUNDS
2. EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR SAID FUNDS

Comments: The goal is a simple one: to return funds collected from Alamo taxpayers for police services, whether “basic” or “enhanced”, in the form of specific services/projects, rather than carry unspent and unconscionably-large fund balances.

SOME IDEAS FOR PROJECTS/SERVICES (From residents I have spoken with):

- More aggressive Neighborhood Watch programs;
- More police presence on some Fridays/Saturdays in the commercial areas;
- Fund “Every Fifteen Minutes” programs in the high schools (The schools may not be in Alamo but our kids are...);
- Return of stolen property... most people want their stuff back... how much effort do we make on this in Alamo? What is the recovery%?
- More policing for special events... i.e., visibility;
- More safety events;
- Committee to visit local PD's to find out about their programs;

RETURN TO SOURCE:

Fund Sources: My understanding of the fund sources is:

- ◇ P2B Property Tax: The P2B area gets about 0.487% of the 1% property tax in Alamo; Can be used for ENHANCED police services (whatever that is);
- ◇ P6 Property Tax: Alamo gets about 1.20% of the 1% property tax in Alamo; Limited for use on BASIC police services (whatever that is);
- ◇ P2B Parcel Tax: The P2B area gets \$18/parcel/year; Can be used for ENHANCED police services;
- ◇ P6 Parcel Tax: Limited for use on ENHANCED police services; established in 1997 for new homes built after that date.

We need to know the current estimated un-spent and un allocated balance in EACH of the above categories.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

As many have pointed out before (especially Bill Nelson, et al), there are governance issues regarding who recommends/advises/determines use of these funds. Your committee should be recommending fund use to the Sheriff and the BOS for ALL P6 and P2B matters in Alamo, even if that means adding a P6 committee member.
