

item # 11

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

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To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Carson City Sheriff's Office and Partnership Carson City

Subject Title: Action to approve the acceptance of the US Department of Justice Methamphetamine Initiative Grant #2008CKWX0045 in the amount of \$310,987.

Staff Summary: In 2005, Mayor Teixeira galvanized the community with a call to action to eradicate methamphetamine in Carson City. Local government, community leaders, and local citizens came together and formed the Partnership Carson City (PCC). Five task forces were initiated to support and enhance community awareness, education, public policy, treatment and law enforcement efforts.

During a trip to Washington D.C., Mayor Teixeira requested funds from the FY2008 Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations Bill, Department of Justice, Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Methamphetamine Enforcement and Clean-up Grants account to support the priority areas identified by Partnership Carson City to address meth use in the local community. As a result, Carson City was one of 78 communities nationwide asked to apply for these funds. The application was successful, and PCC was awarded \$310,987.00 for a three year grant period.

The vision of the Carson City, Nevada Meth Initiative is to reduce the methamphetamine production, distribution and use through coordinated suppression efforts, treatment services, and evidence based prevention strategies. Two of the three Carson City Sheriff's Office's COPS Administrative Goals are linked directly with the goals of this Carson City Meth Initiative:

- Implement programs designed and dedicated to bringing the department and community closer together with the primary focus on youth.
- Develop programs designed to enhance public awareness and participation.

In 2005, in direct response to the methamphetamine distribution and use related problems accelerating in their community, the Partnership Carson City (PCC) was initiated. A 12 person PCC Steering Committee led by the Mayor, District Attorney and Sheriff confronted the methamphetamine problems through the efforts of three PCC Task Forces: Suppression, Treatment and Prevention/Education. The PCC Steering Committee will ensure community participation in this Meth Initiative by directing the activities associated with accomplishing the goals of this application:

1. Through added overtime, the PCC Drug Suppression Task Force representing over six local law enforcement agencies involved in meth suppression activities, will coordinate aggressive, multi-agency meth "sweeps" in the Carson area targeting known meth producers, traffickers, and