

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

MAY 14, 2008

TO: ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMAN

FROM: DEPUTY INSPECTOR MARY HOERIG
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Alderman:

The Milwaukee Police Department appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 8, 2008 to request acceptance of additional funding for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEFT). The Common Council has approved the original funding some time back.

During the committee meeting a request was made that committee members receive statistics regarding this initiative in an effort to determine its successfulness.

OCDEFT funds are appropriated to attack organized drug gangs operating in Milwaukee. The funding is specific to an investigation and it gets authorized and granted through US DOJ via the OCDEFT coordinator in Chicago. Two investigations resulted in numerous arrests, seized drugs, guns and assets.

The investigations included:

Operation Purple Rain involving the Nash Street Boys street gang. Over the course of the Purple Rain investigation, the HIDTA unit submitted funding requests for approximately \$15, 450. The investigation resulted in forty-three Federal indictments, and the seizure of \$350,000, 3+kilos of cocaine, and six vehicles.

Operation White Shadow (FBI investigation): 31 arrests, 1.1 million dollars in assets (planes, RV's, autos, property in Chicago, Gary IN, Garberville, Ca) - further indictments are pending.