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MEMORANDUM 09-106

DATE: August 10, 2009
TO: Walt Wrede, City Manager
FROM: Lieutenant Randy Rosencrans
SUBJECT: Active Shooter Training Enhancement Project

We have filed an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Department of Justice for a grant to fund equipment for ongoing training we conduct in Active Shooter scenarios. This grant program requests federal funding in the amount of \$11,778.00. The police department would contribute to the program by providing training to department personnel in the amount of \$5,000.00. Details of this program are described in the following paragraph from the program narrative.

Recognizing the need to stay current in our abilities to respond to an active shooter or similar emergencies, the Homer Police Department has sponsored and participated in force-on-force training in local area schools for the last decade. We have involved school Kenai Peninsula Borough School officials and students in active shooter scenarios and have participated in the training with personnel from allied agencies to include the US Coast Guard, Alaska State Troopers, Alaska State Parks and National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) enforcement personnel. Two Homer Police Department firearms instructors have completed active shooter training courses offered by the FBI and the National Tactical Officers Association. To facilitate this type of training, specialized equipment is utilized that is manufactured by Simunitions Inc. This equipment consists of firearms conversion kits that enable law enforcement weapons to fire safe, marking projectiles that safely and effectively simulate the firing and manipulation of real firearms. In the past, the Homer Police Department has borrowed this equipment from the US Air Force and the NOAA offices in Anchorage, when available. With this program, the Homer Police Department wishes to use federal funds to purchase Simunitions conversion kits, Simunitions FX marking cartridges, and Simunitions personal safety equipment to facilitate using HPD issued weapons for more realistic training. Additionally, the Homer Police Department will contribute to this program by sending our two firearms instructors to a three-day Instructor Certification Course designed and delivered by Simunitions Inc.

The grant requires that we make the grant application public and give the public the opportunity to comment on it. I request that we ask the council to review the application at the August 24th, 2009 meeting.