

Soulard Special Business District Neighborhood Safety Forum

Monday, April 22, 2013

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Agenda

- Welcome 7:00
- Introductions 7:05
- Speakers
 - Chief Sam Dotson 7:10
 - Captain Mike Deebea 7:20
 - Q&A for Police 7:30
 - Joanie Thomas 7:40
 - Bill Clendenin 7:45
 - Lisa Otke 7:55
- Q & A 8:10
- Thank You's and Wrap-Up 8:25

Thank You For Attending And Please Be Safe!

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Soulard Special Business District (Overview)

- **Approved by voters in 1994 as a “special taxing district”**
 - Primary purpose is to provide enhanced security for the District
- **Funded 100% by property taxes**
 - Not a CID or TIF (which are funded by sales tax revenue)
 - Initial tax rate set at \$0.35 per \$100 assessed value.
 - Current (2013) tax rate set at \$.5258
- **Tax district boundaries within the 7th Ward**

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SSBD District Boundaries



- **Tax district boundaries within the 7th Ward only ... generally bounded by:**
 - North – Park Ave
 - South – Sidney, Victor, Barton Streets
 - East - Mississippi River
 - West - I-55

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SSBD Tax Rate Structure

- Current (2013) tax rate set at \$.5258 per \$100 assessed value
- Estimated portion of your 2013 property tax bill to be paid to SSBD

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 Example Formula - Taxes Paid To SSBD Based On Various Property Values

	Appraised Value Of Property ¹			
	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
#1. Assessment Rate ²	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%
#2. Assessed Value (Appraised Value x #1)	\$19,000	\$38,000	\$57,000	\$76,000
#3. Assessed Value, Per \$100 (#2 / 100)	\$190.00	\$380.00	\$570.00	\$760.00
#4. Current SSBD Tax Rate ³	\$0.5258	\$0.5258	\$0.5258	\$0.5258
#5. Tax Due To SSBD (#3 x #4)	\$99.90	\$199.80	\$299.71	\$399.61

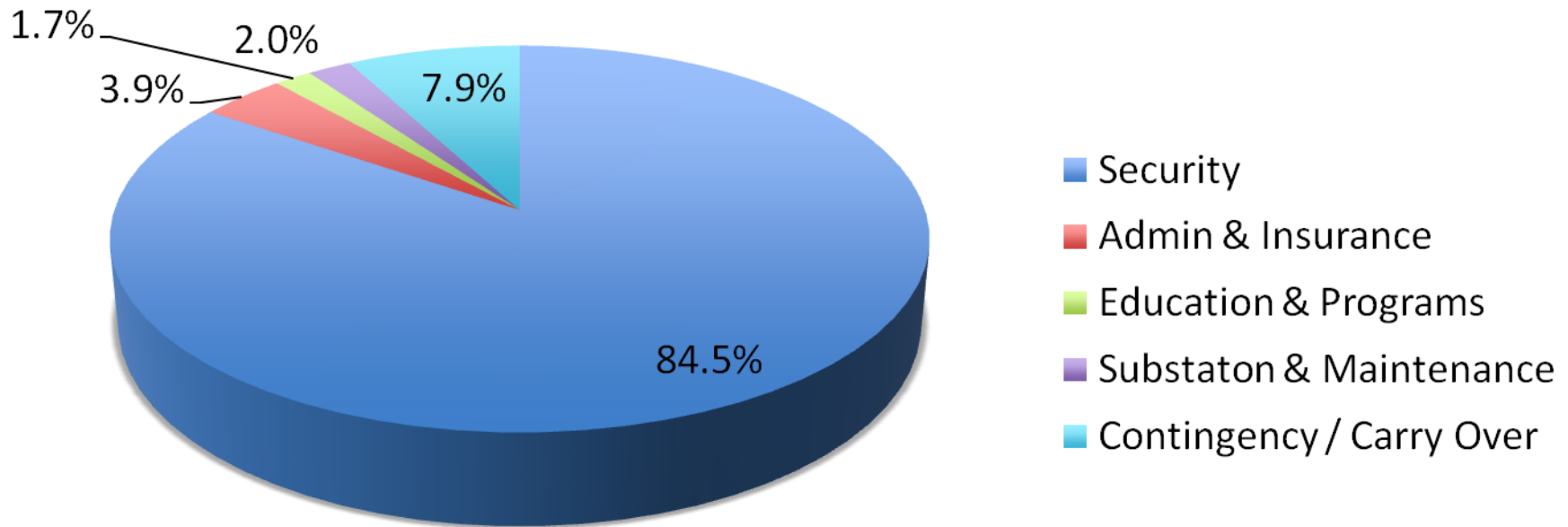
Notes:

- (1) Appraised value based on City of St.Louis Assessors Office
- (2) Established by City of St.Louis Assessors Office
- (3) Established by SSBD

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SSBD Tax Disbursement & Budget

- Tax disbursement from 2012 taxes (payable in 2013) estimated at \$265,000
- 2013 Budget Breakdown ...



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Security Patrols

- Primary focus has been patrols of off-duty police officers.
- In 2011, the SSBD initiated an RFP for off-duty police officer patrolling services. Received and reviewed 3 responses ... contract was executed with GCI Security (formerly Hi-Tech)
- GCI Security
 - Uses ONLY City police officers (carrying police radios and GCI radios)
 - Utilize both car and bike patrols
 - All officers carry GPS (used for billing and coverage monitoring). Also benchmarked against written reports from GCI of police activity
 - Duties include patrols of streets and alleys, completion of FIRs (police form) of suspicious individuals, escorts, business checks, park patrols
 - Typical schedule is from 4PM to 4AM with 1-3 officers patrolling at any time. Schedules vary throughout the week, months and year.

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SSBD – Crime Results / Coordination

- Bi-weekly meetings with Soulard Officer and GCI supervisor to review crime stats and trends.
- Coordination with other groups such as SBA and SRG Safety Committees
 - Meeting annually or more often as needed
 - Sharing information on crimes activity
 - Providing information on arrests and court dates when known for Victim Advocacy, Neighborhood Impact Statements and Neighborhood Orders of Protection
- Coordination with police
 - Bi-weekly meetings
 - Relationship with Captain Deeba, Outreach Officer Joseph Calabro, Neighborhood Officer Tony Miller

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SSBD – Other Activities

- Maintaining & supplying the Soulard Police Substation for use of SLMPD officers working in the area.
 - Cleaning, refreshments, computer equipment, phone and internet
- Providing security products to residents
 - car clubs, energy-efficient lightbulbs for exterior use, etc.
- Website – www.soulard-sbd.org.
- Twitter - @soulardsbd
- Conducting crime & safety education.

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Crime Statistics

- 3rd District Crime had largest reduction of crime in 2012 vs other Districts
- Soulard crime issues - property crime
 - Car Break Ins – seem to rise in summer, quick action – GPS, phones, computers, etc.
 - Car Theft – models vary, locations vary
 - Burglary – goes in waves, few in the fall, 2012 – several garage burglaries
- Soulard crime issues - crimes against persons
 - Robbery – 2 of the 3 in February were cleaned with the arrest of 2 men also good for robberies in Shaw; happen quickly when people are not paying attention
 - Assault – difficult to monitor / police

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Crime Statistics

- ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1
- Non-emergency SLPD - 231-1212
- Soulard Neighborhood Liaison Officer
 - Tony Miller 471-9293
- Websites
 - www.Slpd3d.org
 - www.Slmpd.org
 - www.Crimereports.com
 - www.Stlouis-mo.gov
 - www.Circuitattorney.org
 - www.Nextdoor.com
 - www.Soulard-sbd.org