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March 30, 2012

Susan Hutson, Independent Police Monitor
Office of the Inspector General
525 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70130-3049

RE: Interim Recommendations for Training

Dear Ms. Hutson:

We have completed an assessment of interim training based on the recommendations suggested in your correspondence dated March 14, 2012.

The NOPD Training Academy currently provides survival readiness and associated skill training on an annual basis through our In-Service Training Program. *Officer Survival Training* and *Vehicle Stop Tactics* are both essential elements of this training which also incorporates scenario based modules. I have instructed the Commander of the NOPD Academy to redesign components of our modular training exercises in consideration of your observations and to provide our members with outcome analysis feedback in accordance with the latest standards for officer survival.

Additionally, the NOPD Academy will begin scheduling a mandatory refresher course on *Tactical & Warrant Service Training* for all District Task Force and Narcotics Units. This training will be provided by subject matter experts assigned to our Special Operations Division who have both trained with and who have provided training for outside agencies, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Louisiana State Police and the U.S. Marshals Service. This training will involve a three day course of instruction integrating classroom training and practical maneuvers focusing on operational planning, strategic entry, perimeter security, and after-action assessment.

We believe training specified above will provide another level of reinforced practices to employ, thereby creating a safer environment for both the public and our officers. Once again, thank you for your continued support of the New Orleans Police Department and the citizens of this great City.

Sincerely,


Ronal W. Serpas
Superintendent of Police

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