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Gainesville Police Department
Inter-Office Communication
Chief Norman B. Botsford

To: Russ Blackburn, City Manager   **Date:** 2/7/06

From: Chief Norman B. Botsford

Subject: DUI Prevention Program Mr. Geiger

Captain Hanna met with Mr. Geiger regarding his appearance at the January 9, 2006 City Commission meeting and staff assignment #050822, Fundraiser for Drunk Driving Intervention Program. As stated during his citizen comments on January 9th, 2006, Mr. Geiger is in the process of organizing a fundraiser to occur in the fall of 2006. The fundraiser event will consist of identifying a venue, arranging live bands and erecting a portable skate board facility. Monies raised would be used to fund free cab rides for those deemed impaired by entertainment establishment staff or public safety personnel. He is in the early stages of identifying corporate and individual sponsors. In addition he is exploring ways to manage the financial account. Mr. Geiger advised he had some preliminary conversations with you on this matter.

Mr. Geiger requested nothing from GPD other than a contact for possibly entering into an agreement with GPD to provide security for events.

In general the Gainesville Police Department supports issues regarding DUI prevention and education, however, would not be in favor of direct involvement specific to managing fundraisers or any financial accountability involving this initiative by GPD. I would also have some reluctance to advocate to our staff arranging cab rides for those whose judgment is severely impaired and are unescorted. There is some feeling in this community that initiatives such as this may actually promote drinking. I recommend involvement by the Gainesville Police Department be limited to providing security for the event, if contracted.

If you want me to have this added to a future Public Safety Committee meeting agenda, as mentioned in your assignment, please let me know. Since the item was not added as a referral to that committee, it would be placed on the agenda as an informational item.

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