

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 115

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROVED~~ March 16, 2009

WHEREAS, The Providence Police Department has a unit known as the Crisis Response Team; and

WHEREAS, The Crisis Response Team was created to handle situations where crisis negotiators are needed, such as hostage situations and suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, An effective group of crisis negotiators is important to the health and safety of the people of Providence; and

WHEREAS, 54% of Providence residents come from minority backgrounds, including one in every three Providence residents is Latino, and more than six percent who are Asian; and

WHEREAS, Providence Public School students represent more than 50 countries and speak more than 30 languages at home; and


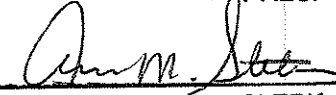
WHEREAS, Being able to effectively communicate with suspects and individuals who may pose a threat to themselves or others is extremely important in creating a successful negotiation dialogue and resolution of the situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request the following information regarding the Crisis Response Team:


1. How many members does the team have?
2. What criteria were used when selecting the members of the team?
3. What type of training have they received?
4. How many members of the team are fluent in Spanish?
5. What other languages do the members of the team speak?
6. Are there any minorities or women on the team?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief of Police.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 5 2009
READ AND PASSED


PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk