

STAFF REPORTS

**CITY COUNCIL
May 28, 2002**

To: Mayor and City Council

From: George J. Rodericks, City Manager

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, INC.

BACKGROUND

Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP) is a national non-profit organization founded in 1985 that provides citizen volunteers in support of emergency personnel to support those who are emotionally traumatized during an event.

In Orange County, TIP has more than 60 citizen volunteers serving 14 cities, 7 hospitals, and 9 public safety agencies. TIP is funded as a public-private partnership amongst its member agencies. Each member city pays 12 cents per capita.

FINDINGS

The City participates with TIP on an annual basis. TIP provides the City with volunteers, 24-hour contacts, and on-scene emotional and practical support for victims of traumatic events and their family members. These services include emotional support, telephone calls, arrangements for clean-up services, notifying family, friends, and others, referrals, and follow-up contact.

TIP is a valuable community service that provides on-scene support across the country and in Villa Park for drowning incidents, car accidents, robberies, and other disasters. TIP fills the void for survivors who may feel ignored during or after a crisis by providing the help needed to get through the event.

FISCAL IMPACT

The 2002/2003 Agreement is \$750 for the year (12 cents per capita). This fee does not represent an increase over the prior year.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Villa Park and Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.