

COUNCIL AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: The Mayor and Members of City Council

DATE: July 24, 2009

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DATE: August 6, 2009

RE: Improving Police Response to Gated Communities

ACTION DESIRED:

Respectfully requesting City Council refer the above to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee for review and consideration.

RATIONALE:

State law required gated communities to provide master keys to the fire departments in case of emergencies. The police department does not have the same access in an emergency. Many St. Petersburg citizens have a slower response to police services and are put in greater danger as a result of this lack of quick access to these communities. Since the master locks already exist, the cost to the community is modest compared to the life safety gain if police had master locks.

Karl Nurse
City Council Member