

To the Members of the Steering Committee of Safer Dallas Better Dallas

UPDATE:

We have several new members – Tony Bandiera, the owner of Sigel's; Robert Colombo, the owner of Trece Restaurant; Patrick Colombo the owner of Ferre Restaurant and Cru Bars; [Neil Resnik](#); and Gene Street, John Crakin and John Harkey, the executive team at Consolidated Restaurants.

On a very positive note, [the public safety items](#) included in City Manager, Mary Suhm's Budget Proposal are 100 new officers, more new police cars, and police officers to start at a higher pay grade, the \$10,000 recruiting bonus, and a \$5,000 retention incentive for officers at the 5 year mark. There are other recommended increases as well.

Our AR 15 fund should soon be over \$500,000 as the Dallas Rotary Club is moving in on \$50,000, and we have matching [contributions](#) from Scott Walker and Ray Hunt. [That will increase the total to \\$200,000.](#)

Our professional team, led by Carol Reed and Spender Michlin, is hard at work in preparation for the [2006](#) campaign kickoff at the Andrews Distributing Warehouse in October. At that time, we will be ready with our public service announcement material for radio, TV, newspaper, and billboards. [We will also announce](#) our website; [introduce](#) our bumper stickers, and our 6 minute film, which includes our [theme](#) song written by Spencer. The film crews are worked with the police department last week on scenes for the film, and last Tuesday, we filmed the Martin Luther King Arts Magnet Choir singing our song with some able assistance from Pete Schenkel, Mike McGuire, Gene Street, Larry North, Margaret Keliher, Angela Hunt, Gary Griffith, Elba Garcia, Michael Lee, [John Crawford](#), [John McCaa](#), Tracy Rowlett, and many others. It will be a fun and interesting film to show civic groups, and to run on television.

You will be invited to the [kickoff](#) at the Andrews Warehouse. [Earlier](#), we will have a meeting and [give](#) you a [preview](#). This campaign is

intended to lead people to the [Safer Dallas Better Dallas](#) website and provide them an easy way to contribute to this great cause.

Good things can and are happening in Dallas. A Safer Dallas is a Better Dallas.