



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 21, 2010
Item Number: F-19
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Subject: **APPROPRIATION OF \$318,500 FROM THE SEIZED & FORFEITED PROPERTY FUND TO ENHANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**
Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to appropriate \$318,500 from the Fund 32 fund balance to fund purchases for the Police Department as follows:

PROGRAM	ITEM	ACCOUNT	TOTAL
3202105E127 (STATE)	OVERTIME	71300-OVERTIME	\$20,000
3202105E127 (STATE) TOTAL			20,000
3202105E126 (FED/JUSTICE)	SWAT EQUIPMENT VEHICLE	74110-VEHICLES	275,000
	SWAT INTERCOM HEADSETS	74060-ELECTRICAL, LIGHTING, & COMM EQUIP	23,500
3202105E126 (FED/JUSTICE) TOTAL			298,500
GRAND TOTAL			\$318,500

INTRODUCTION

With the expansion of the Emergency Services Bureau's activities, the need for additional expenditures has been identified. These purchases will be made with funds acquired under federal and state asset forfeiture programs.

DISCUSSION

In order to increase the safety and maximize the effectiveness of the department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, the Emergency Services Bureau (ESB) has identified the need for a multi-functional SWAT equipment/Tactical Operations Command vehicle. This new vehicle will support all aspects of SWAT operations, including hostage and crisis negotiations, and other field operations. The Police Department anticipates deploying the SWAT equipment vehicle at approximately 45 incidents per year, including tactical operations, high risk search warrants, training, and other special events.

This new vehicle will replace ESB's current utility truck which is both undersized and outdated. As a one-time purchase, this new vehicle does not require Internal Service Charges to fund its eventual replacement. Staff estimates the vehicle's service life to be approximately 20 years. During the vehicle's service life, maintenance will be funded by the budget used to support the current vehicle which will be taken out of service. The Vehicle Shop was consulted regarding the purchase of this new vehicle and has recommended purchasing a vehicle with a Freightliner chassis, which their staff is familiar with, to ensure that the ongoing maintenance of the vehicle does not add an extra layer of complexity to the servicing of City vehicles.

Additionally, ESB has identified the need for special operations headset systems. This communications equipment will ensure that crucial radio transmissions are received by SWAT Team members as well as perimeter and command staff, thus reducing the potential for a breakdown in communications and better equipping staff to complete missions. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$298,500 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for Emergency Services Bureau expenditures.

Oftentimes, exigent circumstances exist that require officers to work overtime in order to solve crimes and apprehend offenders. In order to maximize the efficiency of criminal investigations, the appropriation of additional funds for overtime is needed. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$20,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund overtime for plain clothes surveillance and investigations.

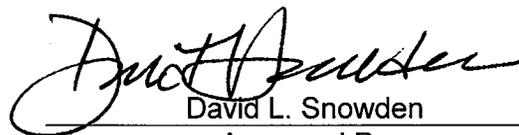
FISCAL IMPACT

The costs associated with these purchases total \$318,500 and will be made with funds from the Seized and Forfeited Property Fund. These restricted funds have been received as a result of federal and state asset seizures and may only be used to enhance the operations of the Police Department. The General Fund will not be impacted by these purchases.



Scott Miller

Finance Approval



David L. Snowden

Approved By