



## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** October 6, 2009  
**Item Number:** F-12  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** David L. Snowden  
**Subject:** **APPROPRIATION OF \$152,000 FROM THE SEIZED & FORFEITED PROPERTY FUND TO ENHANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**  
**Attachments:** None

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

Appropriation: Staff recommends that the City Council move to appropriate \$152,000 from the Fund 32 fund balance to fund purchases for the Detective Bureau, the Crisis Negotiation Team, and the Police Department's Range Program as follows:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	3202105E127 – STATE SEIZED & FORFEITED PROPERTY ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Informant Fund	73120 – Professional, Consultant and Special Services – one-time	\$25,000
Travel Expenses for Specialized Training	73160 – Travel	\$16,000
Money Counter and Surveillance Equipment	74010 – Photographic and Precision Equipment	\$17,000
Firearms and Safety Equipment	74030 – Fire and Other Safety Equipment	\$6,000
Audio-Video Equipment and Money Safes	74130 – Other Equipment	\$8,000
Computer Forensics Unit Equipment	74160 – Computer Equipment	\$20,000
Investigative Tracking Device	74170 – Telecommunications Equipment	\$8,000
<b>SUBTOTAL - STATE</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>

ITEM DESCRIPTION	3202105E126 - FEDERAL SEIZED & FORFEITED PROPERTY ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Crisis Negotiation Team Uniforms	72080 – Clothing/Dry Gds/Notions	\$2,000
Ammunition	72200 – Fire and Other Safety Supplies	\$30,000
Tactical Vests and Equipment	74030 – Fire and Other Safety Equipment	\$20,000
<b>SUBTOTAL - FEDERAL</b>		<b>\$52,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$152,000</b>

### INTRODUCTION

With the expansion of the Detective Bureau's enforcement activities, the Crisis Negotiation Team's intervention activities, and the Police Department's purchase of new weapons, the need for additional expenditures has been identified. These purchases will be made with funds acquired under federal and state asset forfeiture programs.

### DISCUSSION

Over the past few years, the Detective Bureau has intensified its investigation of dangerous and prolific narcotics suspects. At times, exigent circumstances exist that require officers to pay informants for information that will allow the Police Department to prevent criminal activity and arrest criminals. Furthermore, the expansion of the Detective Bureau's activities requires that officers receive specialized training in law enforcement and narcotics investigations. Additional equipment is also needed to maximize the effectiveness of investigative operations and assist with the apprehension and prosecution of persons suspected of committing criminal acts. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$120,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of Detective Bureau investigations.

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) assists the department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team in the handling of situations where hostages have been taken, suspects are barricaded, subjects are suspected to be suicidal, and in the service of high risk warrants. During the past two years, the Police Department has expanded the CNT's intervention activities. In order to provide for the uniform appearance of CNT members and to ensure the safety and identification of personnel, uniforms are necessary. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$2,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund the purchase uniforms for the CNT.

In 2008, the Police Department established a committee to evaluate its handgun needs. The committee tested and evaluated numerous products from various manufacturers. At the conclusion of the evaluation period, the committee recommended that the agency replace its current handguns with the Springfield Armory, XD45 .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. In June 2008, the City issued a purchase order for the new firearms. The department's transition to the weapons requires extensive firearms qualification training to ensure that officers are proficient with the new weapons.

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Additionally, the department has purchased other firearms that necessitate similar firearms training. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$30,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund the purchase ammunition that is needed to facilitate this training

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The costs associated with these purchases total \$152,000 and will be made with funds from the Seized and Forfeited Property Fund. The City's General Fund will not be impacted by these purchases.

  
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Scott Miller  
Finance Approval

  
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David L. Snowden  
Approved By