



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 6, 2010
Item Number: G-11
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden
Subject: **APPROPRIATION OF \$353,000 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 \$353,000 from the Fund 32 fund balance to fund purchases for the Detective Bureau, the Crisis Negotiation Team, the Patrol Bureau, the Emergency Services Bureau, the Traffic Bureau, and the Crime Prevention Bureau as follows:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	3202105E126 - FEDERAL SEIZED & FORFEITED PROPERTY ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
OVERTIME FOR NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	71300 - OVERTIME	60,000
KENNEL FOR NARCOTICS DETECTING CANINE	73120 - ONE TIME CONSULTANTS	4,000
TRAVEL TO ASSET FORFEITURE CONFERENCE	73160 - TRAVEL	1,500
TRANSMITTERS FOR IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM	74010 - PHOTO AND PRECISION EQUIP	40,000
GPS UNITS FOR NARCOTICS SURVEILLANCE	74010 - PHOTO AND PRECISION EQUIP	2,500
SWAT ROBOT	74010 - PHOTO AND PRECISION EQUIP	55,000
PATROL RIFLES	74030 - FIRE & OTHER SAFETY EQUIP	35,000
TRAFFIC RIFLES	74030 - FIRE & OTHER SAFETY EQUIP	25,000
PULLING STRAPS AND HOOKS	74030 - FIRE & OTHER SAFETY EQUIP	5,000
CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM EQUIPMENT	74130 - OTHER EQUIPMENT	5,000
INTEROPERABLE MULTIBAND RADIOS	74060 - ELECTRC, LIGHT & COMM EQUIP	36,000
CRIME DETECTING ALARMS	74130 - OTHER EQUIPMENT	9,000
COMPUTER SERVERS	74160 - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	75,000
TOTAL		\$ 353,000

INTRODUCTION

With the expansion of the Detective Bureau's enforcement activities, the Crisis Negotiation Team's intervention activities, and the Patrol Bureau's video recording capabilities, the need for additional expenditures has been identified. These purchases will be made with funds acquired under the federal asset forfeiture program.

DISCUSSION

Over the past few years, the Detective Bureau has intensified its investigation of dangerous and prolific narcotics suspects. Oftentimes, exigent circumstances exist that require officers to work overtime in order to complete these investigations and apprehend offenders. In order to maximize the efficiency of narcotics investigations, the appropriation of additional funds for overtime is needed. Additionally, the department recently acquired a narcotics detecting canine. Funds are needed to construct a concrete pad for the kennel located at the canine handler's residence. The Detective Bureau also plans to purchase additional GPS units and interoperable multiband radios for use in narcotics investigations, to send staff to attend an asset forfeiture conference, and purchase the first of several enterprise level computer servers which are necessary for the expansion of its High Tech Crimes Unit. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$179,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for Detective Bureau expenditures.

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. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$5,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund equipment for the CNT.

The Patrol Bureau utilizes an in-car video system to record pursuits and traffic stops. This video system has proven to be an invaluable source of evidence in the arrest and conviction of criminals and provides Police personnel with clear documentation of officers' enforcement activity. In order to improve the reliability of these recordings and functionality of the system, new audio transmitters are needed. Additionally, the Patrol Bureau intends to expand its rifle program and requests funds to purchase 10 new rifles. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$75,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund equipment for the Patrol Bureau.

The Emergency Services Bureau (ESB) has identified the need for additional surveillance equipment and intends to purchase a SWAT robot. The robot is an electronic device that can be moved, thrown or placed in an area where officers have safety concerns. The robot has a camera (with night vision) that is able to move into an area and allows officers to observe the location prior to entering. With the information gained by use of the robot, officers are able to formulate tactical movement plans. Additionally, ESB intends to purchase pulling straps and hooks to improve its capability of entering secured locations. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$60,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund equipment for the Emergency Services Bureau.

The Traffic Bureau has identified the need for rifles to be assigned to motor officers. As motor officers are often the first police officers to arrive on-scene at emergency calls, their safety and the safety of the community would be enhanced if they were equipped with firearms that provide them with the option of using a higher force, if necessary. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$25,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund purchase of 12 rifles for the Traffic Bureau.

In order to expand its Crime Prevention program, the department has identified the need to purchase new silent alarms that transmit activations directly over its primary radio frequency. This equipment will enable officers to respond immediately to alarm activations, increasing the likelihood of apprehending suspects while in they are in the act of committing the crime. This equipment will be placed by Detectives and Crime Prevention personnel in areas of high crime or targeted locations. The new devices are superior to older units and provide enhanced functionality which will increase their effectiveness in detecting crimes and assisting the Police Department in apprehending criminals. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$9,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund to fund equipment for the Crime Prevention Bureau.

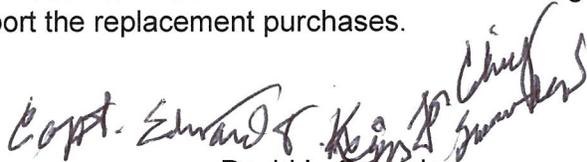
FISCAL IMPACT

The costs associated with these purchases total \$353,000 and will be made with funds from the Seized and Forfeited Property Fund. These restricted funds have been received as a result of federal asset seizures and may only be used to enhance the operations of the Police Department. The General Fund will not be impacted by these initial purchases.

The lifecycle of the equipment that will be purchased varies between five (5) and fifteen (15) years. Based on potential changes in technology and the department's future operational needs, the equipment may or may not be replaced at the end of its lifecycle. If replacement is sought, the department will seek to find alternative sources of funding before requesting the General Fund to support the replacement purchases.



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Finance Approval



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