



## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2015  
**Item Number:** D-22  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** David L. Snowden, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** **APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 FROM THE CITY'S COPS ALLOCATION TO FUND FRONTLINE MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICES**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council appropriate \$10,000 from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program for the partial purchase of a police motorcycle:

FROM	TO
\$10,000 State COPS Grant Fund 190-19002105/0E407 Fund Balance	\$10,000 19002105/74110/0E407 Vehicles

### **INTRODUCTION**

The City receives \$100,000 annually under the state COPS grant program. In order for the City utilize these funds, a funding request from the Chief of Police must be approved by the City Council. These funds will be used to assist with the purchase of a police motorcycle.

### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the 1996-1997 State budget package, the COPS Allocation was enacted, providing per capita rate funding for frontline police services. During the first four years of the program, the City's share of COPS Allocation funding was approximately \$77,000

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annually. Since FY 2000-2001, the State budget package has authorized \$100,000 per year in COPS Allocation funding for Beverly Hills.

At a public hearing on January 22, 1997, the City Council approved the COPS Allocation to fund the salary and benefit costs for a full-time Civilian Rangemaster position. Previously, Rangemaster duties were shared by ten full-time sworn personnel (either police officers or sergeants) in addition to their principal assignments. The establishment of a Civilian Rangemaster position enabled these sworn personnel to return full-time to their regular police duties, which fulfilled the requirement to fund frontline police services.

When the Civilian Rangemaster position is vacant, a surplus of COPS Allocation funds results. In 2008, surplus COPS Allocation funds were used to purchase ammunition and supplies for the department's range, upgrade the purchase of a rescue phone for the Crisis Negotiation Team, purchase breaching explosives for the department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team, and one year's service of a mass notification system. In 2011, surplus funds were used for the purchase of training motorcycles, a negotiation recording and control system, ammunition for the Emergency Services Bureau and safety supplies and equipment for the Traffic Bureau. On June 30, 2014, surplus COPS Allocation funds totaled \$102,908.73.

One of motorcycles used by the Traffic Bureau was involved in a collision and was determined to be a complete loss. Because this collision occurred prior to the end of useful life, funds to replace this motorcycle had not fully accumulated. Funds from this appropriation will be combined with Vehicle Replacement Funds to purchase a replacement motorcycle. The COPS funds must be expended exclusively to provide front line law enforcement services. This purchase represents such a case as the motorcycle will be used for routine field work by officers assigned to the Police Department's Traffic Bureau.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Due to the surplus that accumulated in this fund while the Civilian Rangemaster position was vacant in prior fiscal years, a portion of this surplus, \$10,000, will be used to assist with the purchase of a police motorcycle.

Don Rhoads, Director of  
Administrative Services/CFO  
Finance Approval



David L. Snowden, Chief of Police  
Police Approval

