



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 4, 2008
Item Number: E-3
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden
Subject: **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
REAUTHORIZING A CIVILIAN RANGEMASTER POSITION AND
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT TO BE
FUNDED BY THE CITY'S COPS ALLOCATION**
Attachments: 1. Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the resolution authorizing use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Allocation to continue the funding of one Civilian Rangemaster position and to purchase police equipment.

INTRODUCTION

In order to accept a State funding opportunity, a public hearing must be conducted and a resolution must be adopted to authorize use of the COPS Allocation to continue the funding of a Civilian Rangemaster position and to purchase police equipment and services.

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 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 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. Each year thereafter, COPS Allocation funds for the Civilian Rangemaster position have been renewed.

When the Civilian Rangemaster position is vacant, a surplus of COPS Allocation funds results. In 2002, surplus COPS Allocation funds were combined with another State grant to purchase a bi-directional amplifier and other communications equipment for the police building. In 2004-2005, surplus COPS Allocation funds were used to purchase the share of a Harris constellation microwave link to enhance public safety communications outside the Beverly Hills city limits. In 2006, surplus COPS Allocation funds were used to purchase noise suppressors and night vision rifle optics for the department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team. On June 30, 2006, surplus COPS Allocation funds totaled \$98,241.85.

The resolution before the City Council renews the use of COPS Allocation funds for the Rangemaster position for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and authorizes the use of \$70,293 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

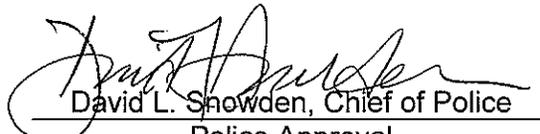
For FY 2007-2008, salary and benefits for the Civilian Rangemaster position will be \$87,859. Because the FY 2007-2008 COPS Allocation exceeds this amount, no additional funds are required to fund this position.

The cost of ammunition and supplies for the department's range, upgrade on the rescue phone, breaching explosives, and one year's service of a mass notification system is \$20,100, \$1,600, \$8,600, and \$39,993, respectively, for a total cost of \$70,293.

Although the COPS Allocation represents an on-going program, continued funding will require a new State appropriation each fiscal year and a public hearing. If State funding is eliminated or reduced in the future, the City will expend any remaining funds from the COPS Allocation account and decide whether other potential grant opportunities or the General Fund will fund the Civilian Rangemaster position.



Scott G. Miller, Director
Finance Approval



David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Police Approval

RESOLUTION NO. 08-R-

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The Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby reauthorizes the establishment of a civilian rangemaster position and the use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) allocation to finance that position and authorizes the purchase of police equipment and the use of COPS allocation funds to purchase such equipment.

Section 2. Funds in the amount of \$70,293 shall be appropriated therefor as follows:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
\$70,293	01-30000 General Fund- unrestricted fund balance	\$28,700	1902105E407 – 72200 Police – State COPS Grant Fire & Other Safety Supplies
		\$1,600	1902105E407 – 74170 Police – State COPS Grant Telecommunications Equipment
		\$39,993	1902105E407 – 73120 Police – State COPS Grant Professional & Consultant Services

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution and shall cause the Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

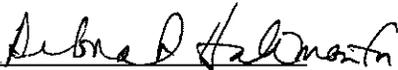
JIMMY DELSHAD
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

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ATTEST:

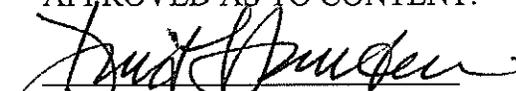
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BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



DAVID L. SNOWDEN
Chief of Police



SCOTT G. MILLER
Director of Administrative Services/
Chief Financial Officer