

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: FORFEITED ASSET FUND COMMITTEE

DATE: August 16, 2010

FROM: RICHARD J. NAUE JR.
INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT:
SUMMARY OF FAF
EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

The following is a summary of the Police Department's Forfeited Asset Fund (FAF) expenditure requests for committee consideration today.

STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

1. Florida Contraband Act Requirement:

FSS 932.7055(5)(c)(3) of the Florida Contraband Act, requires that a local law enforcement agency must expend or donate no less than 15% of State Forfeited Assets for crime prevention, drug abuse prevention, school resource officer or safe neighborhood programs. Since the last encumbrance pursuant to this provision of the Florida Contraband Act in 2009, deposits in the amount of \$68,057.50 have been made to the State Asset Forfeiture Fund. Accordingly, a motion will be made to the FAF Committee requesting an encumbrance of \$10,208.63 (15% of \$68,057.50) to set aside a portion of these forfeited assets to meet this requirement.

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

1. Handheld Rugged Rapid Identification Devices

One of the contemporary challenges facing local law enforcement agencies in the age of Homeland Security responsibilities and the proliferation of Identity Theft is the ability to positively identify an individual during an investigation in the field to avoid releasing an individual who has an active warrant for their arrest or who has a special threat alert that would only be known to local authorities if computerized databases are queried using the correct identification information.

In response to this challenge the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has developed the FALCON System that provides a web portal through which agencies are able to biometrically identify a criminal suspect using handheld rapid ID devices that can electronically capture and transmit fingerprints in the field. These electronically captured fingerprints are transmitted to state and national databases via the FALCON System providing for a significantly more streamlined process by which local law enforcement can positively identify an individual during a criminal investigation in the field.

To facilitate the ability of local agencies to utilize this capability, FDLE had certified commercially available Handheld Rapid ID devices that meet the necessary specifications to utilize the FALCON system.

This proposed expenditure of \$20,840.00 for new equipment is permissible according to the provisions of Section VIII, A, 1, (d) of the Department of Justice publication titled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*". Accordingly, the Police Department a motion will be made to the FAF committee requesting approval to utilize Federal Forfeited Asset Funds to acquire 10 IBIS-EXTREME Handheld Rugged Rapid ID devices and the accompanying software licenses, software support and training.

2. Citizens Crime Watch of Coral Gables, Inc.

Another permissible use of federally forfeited assets is support for community-based crime prevention programs. Citizens Crime Watch of Coral Gables, Inc qualifies as such a community based program.

Accordingly, a motion will be made to the FAF Committee proposing that \$45,000 be approved to support the Police Department's partnership with Citizens Crime Watch of Coral Gables, Inc. for FY 2010-2011.

FLORIDA CONTRABAND ACT FUNDS

1. Coral Gables Police Athletic League

The Coral Gables Police Athletic League continues to serve our community by virtue of its goal to prevent juvenile crime and drug abuse through the youth targeted community outreach activities and programs that are offered to local youth throughout each year.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the use of previously encumbered Forfeited Asset Funds to fund the crime prevention, safe neighborhood and school resource officer programs facilitated by the Coral Gables Police Athletic League would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (c) (3). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$18,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Funds for the Coral Gables Police Athletic League.

2. Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594

The Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594 is another successful youth resource officer program facilitated by members of the Coral Gables Police Department. The activities and programs of the Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594 actively support the Police Department

and the local community throughout each year. The costs associated with the Explorer Post's activities and programs are \$12,000.00.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the use of previously encumbered Forfeited Asset Funds to support the Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594 would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (c) (3). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$12,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Funds for the Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594.

3. Youth Resource Unit Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The D.A.R.E. program is the nationally endorsed model for drug abuse prevention education targeting elementary level students to receive instruction from their local police officers on how they can resist the negative impact of illegal drug use as teenagers and adults.

The Coral Gables Police Department Youth Resource Unit officers provide D.A.R.E. instruction to approximately 500 students at Carver Elementary, Coral Gables Elementary and St. Theresa Catholic School. The activities and programs associated with D.A.R.E. instruction require \$8000.00 to support this valuable program.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the use of previously encumbered Forfeited Asset Funds to support Drug Abuse Resistance Education activities and programs would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (c) (3). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$8,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Funds to support D.A.R.E.

4. Community Affairs Unit Crime Prevention and Safe Neighborhood Program Ruggedized Tablet Computer and Bluebeam PDF "Revu" Software.

The Police Department's Community Affairs Unit facilitates the Department's Crime Prevention and Safe Neighborhood programs for the residents and businesses of the City of Coral Gables. This unit has identified a ruggedized, tablet style, laptop computer and software system that will enable the Department to provide these services in the field more efficiently and effectively. The Dell XT2 XFR ruggedized, tablet style, laptop computer is specifically designed to operate with software applications such as the Bluebeam PDF "Revu" Standard Edition that enables users to operate "paperless" in the field.

A specific capability that this "paperless" computer and software system will provide is the ability for a Crime Prevention Practitioner who is conducting a security survey in the field to have the requesting resident or business owner review, and sign for, the completed survey results immediately using a stylus that allows a digital signature to be applied to the online PDF document.

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Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the use of previously encumbered Forfeited Asset Funds to provide for the acquisition of this Crime Prevention and Safe Neighborhood Program computer and software would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (c) (3). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee requesting the expenditure of \$3830.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Funds for the acquisition of this computer and software.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

State Asset Forfeiture Funds Unencumbered:	\$ 143,272.97
State Asset Forfeiture Funds Proposed for Encumbrance:	\$ 10,208.63
New Balance of State Asset Forfeiture Funds:	\$ 133,064.34
Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds Unencumbered:	\$ 369,639.45
Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds Proposed for Expenditure:	\$ 65,840.00
New Balance of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds:	\$ 303,799.45
Florida Contraband Act Funds Available:	\$ 50,677.78
Florida Contraband Act Funds pending for Expenditure:	\$ 41,830.00
New Balance of Available Florida Contraband Act Funds:	\$ 8,847.78