



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$70,890 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the purchase of Active Shooter Kits for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department. The Coral Gables Police Department participates with federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement investigations. The Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint federal - local investigations produces federally seized funds. At the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute: 18 U.S.C. Section 981 (e)(2), and 21 U.S.C. Section 881 (e)(1)(A) and (e)(3)(b), the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully receive equitable shares of the federally seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings.

The "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*" by the United States Department of Justice provides that the equitably shared forfeited asset funds resulting from the participation of a local agency in investigations with Federal law enforcement agencies may be utilized by the participating local agency for law enforcement training and education.

Due to the increasing number of assaults on Police officers across the nation where rifles are used, the Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for additional ballistic protection for its sworn officers. Concealable soft body armor is designed to stop handgun rounds; however, due to the velocity of rifle rounds, specially designed hard armor plates are needed to provide protection from rifle rounds. In the evaluation of hard armor plates, the Department has selected Level III+ steel plates. These plates are tested to stop rounds outside of the standard Level III testing parameters; they are also more durable and less prone to cracking or having the integrity of the plates compromised in the event they are dropped. Federal Eastern International's Active Shooter Kit was specifically selected as it allows for additional pouches; has padding behind the plate for added wearer comfort; a "man down" strap on the carrier to aid in removing an injured officer from an active scene; and a 10 year warranty, as opposed to the 5 year warranty offered with other kits. The \$70,780 for these kits are required to provide 170 sworn officers with rifle plate protection.

The F.A.F. Committee met on August 5, 2016 and approved this expenditure.