



## Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of SaferWatch 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 equipment.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for a web and mobile based security system that serves as a Public Safety collaboration tool where users can report an incident as they see it happening, or submit a tip at a later time. The SaferWatch system accomplishes all of those feats, and also provides real-time two-way communication during emergency and non-emergency situations. In addition to those advantages, alerts received through SaferWatch provide detailed safety instructions based on the incident and provide the ability for users to contribute information. Furthermore, the system integrates with current NC4 software for an all-encompassing collection of intelligence and data that is available to officers in real-time. In conjunction with the Information Technology Department's review, the Police Department has selected five years' worth of licensing costs for the SaferWatch system.

The F.A.F. Committee met on January 15, 2019 and approved this expenditure.