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Date: November 9th 2012

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To: Mr. Robert Baldwin
City Manager
City of Dania Beach

From: Chief Donn G. Peterson
Dania Beach District

Subject: **LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND REQUEST**
MOBIL FINGERPRINT SCANNERS (10) & PATROL RIFLES (2)

This memorandum is being submitted to request the expenditure of LETF dollars for the purchase of capital equipment for use in the Dania Beach District. Proposed is a necessary and overdue operational addition to our patrol and investigative capabilities. This request includes field deployable fingerprint scanners and patrol rifles.

1. Field deployable fingerprint scanners are an emerging, but proven, technology that assists personnel in making identifications of subjects in the street. For example, a subject is encountered in the field and the deputy suspects that he/she is being dishonest about their identity. Considering that most such subjects have been arrested in the past and have fingerprints on-file, the deputy would simply have the subject press his/her thumb to the scan pad on the device, which is linked via a USB cable to the deputy's laptop computer. This fingerprint is captured and compared to records on file. Once a match is made, the subject's true identity can be determined. This is hugely important tool for both patrol and investigative personnel. The attached quote provides a description and specifications for the unit being recommended for purchase. It's noteworthy that this unit has been acquired and field-tested by the Broward Sheriff's Office and has been found to be extremely effective and user-friendly. The unit cost is \$2,082.00 and the command would seek to purchase ten units for a total cost of \$20,820.00.
2. Patrol rifles are an important and necessary enhancement to the armament deployable by deputies in response to violent encounters. They provide much more accuracy and effective range than a sidearm and allow personnel so-equipped to more effectively respond to a variety of situations encountered by law enforcement professionals including bank robberies, active shooter scenarios, barricaded suspects, etc. While the cost of the rifle itself is high, the ancillary accessory equipment (optic, supplemental lighting for subject identification, etc.) more than doubles the cost, effectively making such a piece of equipment cost-prohibitive for most deputies. The attached quote indicates a breakdown for two rifles with the required accessories for a total cost of \$14,640.12.

If approved, the total amount of this request would be funded as follows: 1) State Law Enforcement Trust Fund not to exceed \$20,000.00 and 2) Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund not to exceed \$15,500.00, for a combined total not to exceed \$35,500.00 (exact amount

\$35,460.12). The attached quotes are from sole-source vendors that are able to fulfill these orders for the respective piece of specialized law enforcement equipment.

This request has been reviewed and approved by BSO command staff and legal counsel. I would appreciate it you would favorably endorse this request and am prepared to discuss it with you and/or our elected officials at your convenience.

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Attachments

cc: Lieutenant Will Jackson
Lieutenant Diana Brown
Ms. Felecia Brown
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