

MEMORANDUM

To: R. David Laurrell, County Administrator *R. David Laurrell* 1/22 BOS

From: Major Steve Hutcherson

Subj. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM - Address the Board on 2 appropriation request (5 minutes)

Date: January 8, 2008

BACKGROUND:

The existing drug K-9 dog has been in service for 8 years and will be retired this year. The current K-9 dog handler will be assigned other duties within the sheriff's department and an existing deputy will take over the responsibilities as a dog handler which will result in additional training, meal, and lodging expenses. Additionally, we presently have no way of securing assault rifles in the department issued SUV's.

DISCUSSION:

Whether to spend \$10,000 for a replacement K-9 dog and training for a handler to replace a existing K-9 dog that is being retired, and to purchase trunk vaults at a cost of \$18,000 to secure equipment, especially assault rifles in the department issued SUV's.

Staff will be present at the meeting to provide information to the Board on why the use of a regional K-9 dog is not practical. The current K-9 is used for drug interdiction and inspections at the various schools throughout the year. There is currently too much activity regionally for only one K-9 unit. The cost of this program is approximately \$10,000 and no local funding is being requested. All funds are coming from forfeited assets.

Staff will be present to answer any questions about the need for assault rifle safes. Assault rifle safes are necessary in order to appropriately secure firearms from the threat of theft. The cost of this program is approximately \$18,000 and no local funding is being requested. All funds are coming from forfeited assets.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve supplemental appropriation from the Sheriff's forfeited asset funds in the amounts of \$10,000 to purchase a replacement K-9 dog and for handler training and in the amount of \$18,000 to purchase trunk vaults for department SUV's to store firearms.