



Legislation Text

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Ordinance in the Amount of \$65,943 Amending State, Federal, and Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Federal Forfeiture Account for Greensboro Police Department's Hazardous Device Team FY 15

Department: Police
Council District: All Districts

Public Hearing: N/A
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PURPOSE:

Title 21, United States Code, Section 881 (e) allows local law enforcement agencies to share in the proceeds from the sale of seized assets and cash from certain criminal investigations. The Greensboro Police Department has identified a portion of these funds to purchase two explosive protection suits and four tactical heavy body armor vests for the Hazardous Device Team. To expend these funds, City Council approval of a budget ordinance is required.

BACKGROUND:

Title 21, United States Code, Section 881 (e) allows local law enforcement agencies to share in the proceeds from the sale of seized assets and cash from certain criminal investigations. Equitably shared funds shall be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only.

The Greensboro Police Department's Hazardous Device Team (HDT) is a regional team, providing services not only within Greensboro, but to multiple jurisdictions in surrounding counties on a regular basis. Requests for assistance include Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) and Render Safe Procedures (RSP) on suspicious items, as well as supplementing Special Response Team (SRT) teams. Approximately 10% of HDT activations are as a supplemental element to the police department's Special Response Team (SRT) in order to provide explosive breaching capabilities and robotic surveillance. HDT is activated on average fifty (50) times per year.

The requested funds will replace some of the explosive related Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that has reached or surpassed its recommended and/or warranted service life. The overall cost of this request is \$65,943.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The Greensboro Police Department has identified Federal Forfeiture Funds for the purchase of two explosive protection suits and four tactical heavy body armor vests. The funds will be housed in account #220-3505-01.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the City Council adopt the attached Budget Ordinance appropriating funding in the amount of \$65,943 to establish a Federal Forfeiture Account for Greensboro Police Department's Hazardous Device Team FY 15.