



Town Council Agenda Report

SUBJECT: Resolution

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TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Professional Standards Unit needs supplemental funding to provide specialized and typical law enforcement training for Police Department personnel. Funding is to be taken from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund on an as needed basis.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? Not budgeted - forfeiture funds available

Expected cost: Not to exceed \$50,000

Account Name: Law Enforcement Trust Fund

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution

Attachment(s):

Resolution

Memo of explanation

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.

WHEREAS, the Davie Police Department is in need of additional funds for Police Department training; and

WHEREAS, the essential training offered to Police personnel would not be provided without additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the Davie Police Department desires to allocate funds for Police Department training from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, in compliance with Florida State Statute 932.704, which is not a recurring cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby authorizes the allocation of funds, not to exceed \$50,000, for Police Department training to be appropriated from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2000

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2000

**DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE
JOHN A. GEORGE**

TO: Robert Middaugh, Town Administrator
SUBJECT: Police Department Training Utilizing Supplemental Funding from the
Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF)
DATE: 7 March 2000

This resolution is requested to obtain Council's approval to utilize the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) to provide supplemental funding for Police Department Training programs and courses. One of the appropriate expenditures according to Florida law is the use of LETF funds to supplement Police Officer training.

One of my goals as Chief was to establish a professional Department wide training program which we have successfully implemented with the institution of the Department's Professional Standards Unit. We have reviewed, identified, and implemented training which includes many types of in- house training programs taught by our own trainers at the shift level and also professionally taught training seminars from stress management for communications personnel to management training for supervisors taught off site. Additionally, we have developed programs where we are the host for nationally taught seminars and our personnel attend at no cost. By providing Department wide training, we also assist by limiting the exposure of the Town in some law suits through valid training programs.

Annually, we receive funding for training in our budget. The amount funded this year, limits the ability to provide formal training to employees. Requests for education and training by the Department was much higher than funded. The amount which was actually funded in the 99/00 budget was \$66,000 (same amount as last year). Of this \$66,000., we are required to meet contract mandated college tuition reimbursement (approximately \$35-\$40,000.), pay recruit training costs (\$2195 per trainee, estimated \$10,000) and any additional training seminars and career development courses we send our 200+ employees to with the remaining balance of \$6,000. Taking all of this into consideration, the use of LETF funds are an appropriate way of meeting Department needs without impacting Town revenue or the Department's operating budget.

The solution, through resolution, will enable the Department to meet our training funding requirements by utilizing LETF funds (when available). In the past we have completed similar resolutions for these purposes and they were deemed as appropriate. This year, we are requesting that Council approve this process and authorize that an undetermined amount estimated to be less than \$50,000 be approved by this resolution.