

# TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Chief John George/693-8320

SUBJECT: Resolution

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO A CHILD IS MISSING, INC.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** The Town of Davie Police Department would like to provide supplemental funding to A Child is Missing, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000, to be expended from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. A Child is Missing, Inc., is a private, non-profit corporation that provides law enforcement agencies with a uniquely effective neighborhood calling system using the latest in technology to aid in the recovery of missing children, the elderly and the disabled. Upon a request from law enforcement agencies, A Child is Missing launches their neighborhood calling program to 1000 or more residences surrounding the location of loss in less than 1/2 hour. This is one of the fastest and most effective systems law enforcement can activate in the first critical hours of a missing child report.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** N/A

**CONCURRENCES:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Has request been budgeted? Law Enforcement Trust Funds Available

If yes, expected cost: \$5,000

Account Name: Law Enforcement Trust Fund

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve resolution

**Attachment(s):**

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR DONATION TO A CHILD IS MISSING, INC., A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Florida State Statute, 932.704, provides for the use of funds from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the purpose of providing services to law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, A Child is Missing, Inc. is an active non-profit organization assisting the Police in the first few hours of a child's disappearance; and

WHEREAS, with the generous support of the community, A Child is Missing has been able to develop the unique service that helps in the recovery of missing children, the elderly and disabled during the crucial first hours of disappearance; and

WHEREAS, the Davie Police Department desires to provide supplemental funding in the amount of \$5,000 to A Child is Missing, Inc. to be funded from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, in accordance with Florida Statutes 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 agrees to expend \$5,000 to A Child is Missing, Inc. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2001



A 501c3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ASSISTING THE POLICE IN THE FIRST FEW HOURS OF A CHILD'S DISAPPEARANCE

## A Child Is Missing Overview June 2001

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Sherry Friedlander

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A Child Is Missing (ACIM) started in June 1996, but actual operation began in March 1997. It is a not-for-profit organization. Supporters from the beginning were CrimeStoppers, Broward Sheriff's Office, under Sheriff Ron Cochran, Miami- Dade Missing Persons Unit, Hollywood Police Department, the Attorney General's Office and The Jimmy Ryce Center. And that is how it started to grow.

As the rapid- response equipment was assembled, the police departments in Dade and Broward were brought into the ACIM program and in three months the program was taking calls. The first month we got eight calls and today we have logged in over 3,500 calls. We have phoned individually recorded messages to over two million residents of 36 Florida counties.

Please keep in mind that the object of this program is to assist police officers in the search/recovery of children, the elderly and the disabled. It is a program that will be statewide by October 2001 and eventually nationwide. It is FREE so a small police department can have the same capabilities a large force has in a search. This service is activated only by law enforcement.

### THE NEED

The need for the program is based upon the facts that:

1. Nationwide more than 3,000 children, elderly and the disabled are reported missing every day.
2. The first two hours of a missing person can determine whether they live or die. Immediate action is necessary when the report is called in.
3. In 1999 the State of Florida reported 51,313\* children and 2,367 elderly missing. (\* July 1999 data is unavailable due to computer conversion)
4. An all- out search for 12-14 hours could cost approximately \$150,000 per day. People, helicopters, staff and more are involved. No one is implying that a person's lives is not worth the cost, but when there is a reasonable program that can start a search at a moment's notice, why not use it? It could possibly eliminate added expense.