



Police Department  
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Edward A. Flynn  
Chief of Police

The Honorable Members of the Common Council  
200 East Wells Street, Room 202  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: 2008 Asset Forfeiture Plan

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, this file requests Common Council authorization for the Milwaukee Police Department to expend \$950,040 from its asset forfeiture funds. The following is an itemized description of the expenditures that are included in this resolution. These expenditures are in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program. This resolution also requests that unspent balances totaling \$300,435.93 from the 2006 and 2007 resolutions be transferred back to the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account for reallocation. The resolution will leave approximately \$499,000 in the Asset forfeiture Trust Account.

- 1. Audio Visual Equipment for Community meetings at Districts \$22,500**  
These funds would enable the districts to get laptop computers and projectors to be used at community meetings. The current equipment cannot produce the various maps and charts of crime data and other visual projections that will best advise residents of the neighborhoods about the status of crime reduction and prevention activities in their area.
- 2. Bicycle Patrol \$82,025**  
The request would replace the remainder of current worn bicycle equipment (65 bicycles) currently in use. Combined with other funds that already been utilized, this will allow for 10 to 15 additional bicycles to be put into operation. The bicycle program augments the beat program and park and walk programs. The bicycle program allows police officers to have closer contact with the public, engage in crime control and prevention activities and yet have the capability of quickly responding to emergency calls for service in the assigned patrol areas.
- 3. Cameras for districts \$5,000**  
This will provide the district commanders with 12 cameras, to be utilized by patrol officers responding to crime scenes. The additional cameras will allow better use of officers' time as in minor cases, they will not have to wait for an identification technician to respond to the scene and take photographs.
- 4. Computer Upgrades \$151,360**  
These funds will be used for a variety of expenditures, among them replacement and upgrading of crime analysis equipment purchased in 2004, replacement of a FRED unit purchased in 2004, purchase of a CRIMES web license which will be more efficient and lower maintenance fees in future years, and an upgrade to equipment used in the telephone reporting unit, which is being expanded. The expenditures are intended to make our officers more efficient and effective, increasing the time that they can spend on pro-active policing, and reducing time now utilized responding to service requests that can be effectively handled by telephone.
- 5. Digital Image Storage \$150,000**

In the past year, the Department has purchased 72 video cameras for use in patrol squads. In 2007, the State mandated a 120- day retention period for digital images captured by these units. MPD had originally planned for a thirty- day retention schedule, which was the law at the time. Because of the large amount of storage space required, these funds are to provide the entire 120- day retention period now required by the State.

- 6. Harbor Patrol Equipment** **\$17,455**  
This equipment will enhance the department's ability to intervene in water emergencies, as well as enhance the safety of our officers. Among the items included are immersion suits, a line- throwing appliance, several auto- inflate PFD safety kits, and emergency position indicating radio beacons.
- 7. Homicide Unit Equipment** **\$12,400**  
These funds will be used for equipment enhancing the effectiveness of detectives at homicide scenes, such as trajectory rod kits and portable halogen light sets.
- 8. Laser speed Boards for Districts** **\$56,700**  
This equipment provides for speed monitoring, informing drivers of their actual speed. They are used in response to neighborhood complaints of excessive speed through area streets. Their use expands the ability of the department to focus on reducing speeds through these neighborhood areas, and is used to supplement radar enforcement efforts. These funds will fund the purchase of seven units and allow each district to have a speed board.
- 9. Summer Youth Program** **\$25,000**  
The Department is planning to partner with several local non-profit organizations to run a youth activities program with an anti-drug and anti-gang component. This program would involve police officer overtime, anti-gang and drug literature, awards, and sports equipment. While asset forfeiture rules prohibit transfer of cash to these agencies, the MPD can incur the expenses on behalf of the program. The agencies participating must qualify as eligible participants under federal asset forfeiture regulations.
- 10. Renovation of Old District #3** **\$325,000**  
The former District #3 building at 4715 W. Vliet has been unoccupied since 2003. The Department plans to renovate this building to relieve over crowding at other department locations. These funds would supplement the \$200,000 in 2008 capital funding. Currently, DPW is in the process of hiring a consultant to advise us on how to plan and fund the remainder of the renovation. Once this study is complete, MPD will move forward with additional renovations of this facility.
- 11. Recruitment Expenses** **\$25,000**  
These funds will allow the Department to upgrade its recruitment efforts. The funds will be used for attending job fairs, travel to schools (high schools, colleges and technical schools) for recruiting purposes, recruitment literature and other recruitment related items.
- 12. Surveillance equipment** **\$20,000**  
This equipment enhances the Department's ability to conduct covert investigations and safely obtain the necessary evidential photos and video footage. This equipment is especially valuable in investigating and dismantling mid and upper level drug traffickers. such as locating hostages and hostage takers.
- 13. Surveillance vehicles** **\$57,600**  
This funding will purchase used cars for crime investigation and control surveillance purposes, and include a vehicle to house surveillance equipment purchased through a grant in 2007.

This plan may be revised, pursuant to the provisions of Common Council File No. 920252, in the event of a change in the Department's needs or priorities.

Sincerely,

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EDWARD FLYNN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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