

## **Police Department**

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Chief of Police

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

RE:

2003 Asset Forfeiture Plan

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, adopted June 16, 1992, this file requests Common Council authorization for the Milwaukee Police Department to expend \$51,915 from its Asset Forfeiture Funds. The following is an itemized description of the anticipated expenditures included in the resolution. These expenditures are in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Asset Forfeiture sharing program. All the items below were discussed in detail in the 2003 plan. This resolution will leave \$261,114.25 in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account.

## 1. Midtown Substation

**\$5,915** 

A new substation has been created in District #7 at the former Capitol Court site, now named Midtown. Most of the costs were paid by Midtown, but the Department incurred costs for signage. In the past, Asset Forfeiture funds have paid for the setup of the old Capital Court and Avenues West substations.

#### 2. Printing Press

\$23,000

The Department's "Chief 15" printing press recently failed, and due to its age, no replacement parts are available. This press was purchased in 1970. This press is used for printing of smaller format jobs, and produces approximately 40% of the printing workload for the Department. Without this press, we will have to outsource printing, resulting in higher costs to the Department. When available, this press is also used to do printing for the Fire Department, Municipal Court, DPW-Parking, and other City Departments.

#### 3. Pilot Program for Tasers

\$11,000

The Department plans a pilot project with tasers. 15 tasers and accessories will be purchased and evaluated for future use by the Department. The Department is interested in adding less lethal options such as tasers to its force continuum. A pilot project would help the Department to determine where tasers could be used appropriately.

### 4. Pilot program for Pepper Ball Technology

\$4,000

The Department plans a pilot project with pepper ball technology. The Department is interested in adding less lethal options such as pepper balls to its

force continuum. A pilot project would help the Department to determine where these units could be used appropriately.

# 5. Earphones

\$8,000

These are earphones attached to our portable radios. They are necessary when policing large, noisy events to allow officers to hear what is being broadcast over their radios. These earphones are important for officer and citizen safety.

Singerely,

ARTHUR L. JONES CHIEF OF POLICE