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The Honorable Members of the Common Council  
200 East Wells Street, Room 202  
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RE: 2016 ASSET FORFEITURE PLAN

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) submits an annual report on anticipated receipt of federally seized forfeiture funds for the next calendar year, together with a plan that includes priorities for the expenditure of such funds.

As of December 31, 2016, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,101,911.35. Cash receipts of the fund are subject to many variables, among them the uncertainty of whether the Department will receive funds, the exact share of any seized assets the Department will be awarded, and the effects of changes in the Federal guidelines for this program.

In order to enhance the safety of the community and enable the Police Department to increase its effectiveness and efficiency, this plan includes the following items. Historically, funding of these items has been based on the ever-changing needs of the Department through out the fiscal year.

**1. Taser Lease \$125,000**

These funds will cover the 2017 lease costs for the Department's Taser Program in addition to Taser supplies for the year.

**2. Security Cameras at Districts \$100,000**

These funds will be used to complete the Department's security camera installations at all district stations.

**3. Training \$50,000**

Training and education increases the effectiveness of police officers in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility.

**4. Fuel Tank Monitoring System \$75,000**

This system allows the MPD to get fuel tank data remotely and to also fill out State mandated reports, among other enhancements. Due to the age of our current fuel tank monitoring system, and the fact that it is no longer able to be supported, it is necessary to replace it with a new system. The City's Department of Public Works is also currently in the process of upgrading their tanks to this system.

**5. Computer Workstations and Software \$65,000**

These funds will be used to acquire additional hardware and software for use by Department personnel.

**6. Bicycle Patrol \$30,000**

The Bicycle Program augments the foot patrol and park & walk programs. The Bicycle Program allows police officers to have closer contact with the public, engage in crime control and prevention activities, and have the capability of quickly responding to emergency calls for service in assigned patrol areas.

**7. Neighborhood Initiatives \$35,000**

These funds will be committed to specific needs within each district as identified by the district captains. We will continue to engage the neighborhoods and seek their input regarding these purchasing decisions.

**8. Canine Unit \$6,000**

This funds the food, medical care and boarding for three drug-interdiction canines. Without funding, the Department will be less effective in drug interdiction and subsequently less successful in its attempts to secure federally seized forfeiture funds.

**9. Administrative and Miscellaneous Expenses for Command \$50,000**

This category accounts for various on-going small dollar purchases for each command in addition to expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. The U.S. Marshal's Office recovers its administrative expenses from the value of cash and assets seized. For cash awards, the Police Department receives an amount net of the federal government's legal costs and other expenses. However, the Police Department must make direct payments to offset expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

This plan may be revised, pursuant to the provisions of Common Council File #920252, in the event of a change in the Department's needs or priorities.

Sincerely,



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CHIEF OF POLICE