

December 21, 2007

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

RE: 2008 Asset Forfeiture Expenditure Resolution

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, this file requests Common Council authorization for the Milwaukee Police Department to expend \$167,000 from its asset forfeiture funds. The following is an itemized description of the anticipated expenditures included in this resolution. These expenditures are in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Sharing Program. All of the items below were discussed in the preliminary 2008 plan.

**1. Canine Unit \$10,000**

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.

**2. Cellular Phones \$45,000**

Asset Forfeiture has been critical to funding cell phones, which are an increasingly important tool in community-oriented policing and criminal investigations.

**3. Mounted Patrol \$112,000**

The cost of leasing seven horses for the Mounted Patrol includes all resources employed by the local stable.

Sincerely,

DALE SCHUNK  
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

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