

January 8, 2009

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

RE: 2005 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 \$144,000 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 the 2005 Plan. This resolution will leave \$155,000 in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account.

1. Canine Unit \$10,000

Narcotics drug detection dog teams require annual certification. MPD currently has three certified teams and a fourth dog and handler who are near certification. This appropriation will fund the costs for one of our detectives to attend the US Customs trainer course and receive the certification necessary to be able to train, test and certify our narcotics detection dogs. This will save money in future years, since we will not have to pay a certified trainer to come in to do the annual certifications. These dogs are essential to our attempts to secure federally seized forfeiture funds. Any remaining funds will be used for food and medical care for the canines.

2. Pole Camera Upgrade \$14,000

The Department has a need to upgrade an existing pole camera that is deployed throughout the City. A transmitter and receiver for the existing unit are necessary to improve performance and to avoid expensive operating charges.

3. Pepper Ball \$15,000

In 2003, the Department funded a pilot project to evaluate this form of less-lethal force technology through Asset Forfeiture. After analyzing the results of the pilot project, the Department was able to determine that 25 of the test units should be purchased for deployment.

4. Light meters \$5,000

These units are required in order to test vehicle window tint so that patrol officers can enforce Wisconsin State window tint Statutes. Enforcing these statutes

ensures the safety of officers by making it possible to observe the interior portion of motor vehicles during traffic stops.

5. Employee Assistance program \$100,000

Early Intervention programs measure many areas of an employees work performance. These measurements can then be transmitted into useful data that management and an employee can use to set goals, correct performance deficiencies and reward positive performance. Performance deficiencies can be caught early on, before they become disciplinary issues.

Sincerely,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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