

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 1/15/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson 781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the use of Asset Forfeiture funding in the amount of \$6,856 to purchase a video camera, authorize a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff-Coroner and amend the fixed asset list.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the use of Asset Forfeiture funding in the amount of \$6,856 to be used for the purchase of a video camera; 2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment of \$6,856 in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff Coroner; 3. Amend the fixed asset list in FC 136 – Sheriff Coroner for the purchase of a video camera in the amount of \$6,856. A four-fifths (4/5ths) vote of the Board is required for all items.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Asset Forfeiture	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$6,856.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <u>1213075</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson
781-4540

DATE: 1/15/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve the use of Asset Forfeiture funding in the amount of \$6,856 to be used for the purchase of a video camera;
2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment of \$6,856 in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff Coroner;
3. Amend the fixed asset list in FC 136 – Sheriff Coroner for the purchase of a video camera in the amount of \$6,856.

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DISCUSSION

The Asset Forfeiture Program began in 1984 with the passage of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act. This Act has become a very powerful tool for targeting criminals, who prey on the vulnerable for financial gain, including drug dealers and white collar criminals. One of the most important provisions of asset forfeiture is the authorization to share the proceeds of federal forfeitures with cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program not only serves to deter crime, but also provides valuable supplemental resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. Permissible uses of the funds provided by the program include law enforcement equipment, drug and gang education and awareness programs and the expenses from the purchase, lease, construction and expansion of law enforcement or detention facilities.

It is not permissible to use funds from the program to pay for the salaries and benefits of current, permanent enforcement personnel, or for education related costs, food and beverage, or for any use that creates the appearance that shared funds are being used for political or personal uses.

Based on those guidelines for permissible use, the following item will be purchased with Asset Forfeiture Funds:

1. **\$6,856 for Purchase of Video Camera.** The Sheriff's Office has strived to provide the public with information on crime and other public awareness information. Most of this information is provide through local media sources; in the form of news releases, public service messages and interviews. During tough economic times, it is not always possible for local media sources to respond and report on stories of public interest. This camera will be used by the Sheriff's Public Information Officer to record stories and scenes that the media is unable to respond to. This information will subsequently be uploaded to a secure web site that the media will have access to. This will allow

the media access to stories and information that they might have been unable to report on and therefore help to increase public awareness and information.

Additionally, this camera will be used to prepare in-house department training videos. Because of differing shifts it is not always easy or cost effective to have in-person training classes. Preparing training videos that can be viewed during an employee's work shift will prove to be efficient and save money.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

This request has been coordinated with the County Auditor Controller's Office.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The requested \$6,856 in expense to purchase a Sony PMW-200 XD Camcorder will be offset by revenue of \$6,856 from Asset Forfeiture (AF) funds belonging to the Sheriff's Office.

RESULTS

The purchases outlined above will enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office which contributes to the County's community-wide goals of a Safe Community: "The County will strive to create a community where all people-adults and children alike-have a sense of security and well-being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely, and roads are safe."