



Sheriff Deryl Loar

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

April 1, 2020

The Honorable Susan Adams, Chairman
Indian River Board of County Commissioners
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960-3388

Dear Chairman Adams:

Re: Law Enforcement Trust Fund, County Fund 112 – Special Law Enforcement

Dear Chairman Adams:

Florida Statute 932.7055, the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, provides that proceeds and interest earned from the forfeiture of real or personal property shall be used for providing additional equipment and may not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the law enforcement agency. These funds are the direct result of our deputies' diligent law enforcement efforts and are derived mainly from drug related offenses. None of the funds are derived from county tax dollars.

Pursuant to the above statute, I am requesting that \$180,000 from our Law Enforcement Trust Fund be used to purchase shotguns, rifles, side-arms, ballistic protection shields and a vessel for the Sheriff's Office. This equipment is essential in the replacement of old, aged out weapons, protective equipment and a vessel for marine patrol.

Please place this item under Constitutional Officers for the April 7, 2020 board agenda.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Aimee Markford at 978-6159.

Sincerely,

Deryl Loar, Sheriff

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cc: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, OMB Director
Aimee Markford, Comptroller

