



Sheriff Deryl Loar

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

April 5, 2017

The Honorable Joseph E. Flescher
Indian River Board of County Commissioners
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960-3388

Re: Forfeiture Trust Fund

Dear Chairman Flescher:

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.

Additionally, the statute requires that no less than 15% of forfeiture proceeds within a fiscal year must be expended or donated to support the operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer programs. The law enforcement agency has the discretion to determine which program(s) will receive the designated proceeds.

Pursuant to the above statute, I am requesting that \$32,427.16 from our Law Enforcement Trust Fund be used to purchase equipment and support the programs and agencies listed below:

\$2,000.00 will be used to support the Executive Roundtable of Indian River County, Inc. Their mission is to identify solutions that will protect and enhance the lives of Indian River County children, individuals, families, and seniors.

\$1,000.00 will be donated to the 2-1-1 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast agency. This multi-program agency assists people in need by providing information, referral, crisis intervention, and community education. This agency assists in reducing our 9-1-1 call volume.

\$1,000.00 will be used to support Crime Stoppers of the Treasure Coast to help solve crimes. Approximately 22% of all tips result in arrests. Currently, many leads are being investigated.

\$1,000.00 will go to A Child is Missing to support their high-speed telephone alert system. This alert system is initiated within Indian River County when a child is reported missing.

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\$2,000.00 will go to the Mental Health Collaborative. Their mission is to establish a continuation of care for mental health. Their goal is to increase access, decrease duplication and facilitate community wide support of mental health issues.

\$1,000.00 will be used to support the annual Florida Missing Children's Day ceremony. This statewide ceremony honors police officers and civilians that have assisted in missing children cases and raises statewide awareness to help prevent abduction and sexual exploitation.

\$1,000.00 will be donated to Childcare Resources of Indian River County. Their mission is to ensure the availability and affordability of high quality early childhood and family support programs for children of income eligible working families in Indian River County.

\$1,000.00 will be used to support CASTLE in their efforts to prevent abuse and neglect by teaching positive, safe parenting skills.

\$2,000.00 will go to the Pastoral Association of Indian River County. The Pastoral Association works within the community to provide guidance to address community issues. It has a relationship with the Sheriff's Office as well as clergy within the community.

\$20,427.16 to be used for the purchase of additional Active Shooter Kits for Court Services and Investigations Sections. Please see the attached quote.

Please place this item under Constitutional Officers for the April 11, 2017 board agenda. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 978-6404. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Deryl Loar, Sheriff

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cc: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Mike Smykowski, Budget Director
Kelly Goodwin, Comptroller