



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 12, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Investigative Division, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation Of Asset Forfeiture Funds For The Purchase Of A System Upgrade And Digital Forensic Equipment

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Appropriate \$8,668 in the Fiscal Year 2014 Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture Fund from available reserves for the purchase of an upgrade for the NEC fingerprint workstation;
- B. Appropriate \$8,632 in the Fiscal Year 2014 Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture Fund from available reserves for the purchase of a Micro Systemation XRY software for the forensic analysis of mobile device digital data evidence;
- C. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process as authorized in Municipal Code Section 4.52.080(k) and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a sole source purchase order to NEC for an upgrade to the fingerprint workstation; and
- D. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process as authorized in Municipal Code Section 4.52.080(k) and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a sole source purchase order to Micro Systemation for the XRY software application used to perform secure forensic extraction of digital data.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In 1998 the County of Santa Barbara adopted Resolution 98-184 pursuant to California SB 720, which authorized the collection of a \$1.00 vehicle registration fee for vehicles registered to an address within Santa Barbara County. These funds are used for programs that enhance the ability of local law enforcement agencies to secure fingerprint identification of individuals who may have been involved in a motor vehicle incident while driving under the influence, vehicular manslaughter, or other crimes while operating a motor vehicle.

In May 2000 the Police Department purchased an NEC Tenprint Latent Workstation with these funds. This hardware provided a direct link to the State AFIS System/Cal-ID. This system is used as a tool to identify unknown fingerprints on evidence and at crime scenes. The software system was last upgraded in 2004. The current software

upgrade offered by NEC makes the identification system compatible with search capabilities in the nationwide FBI fingerprint database. This upgrade also includes a new computer, high definition monitor, scanner, and printer.

Additionally, there are funds available in the Police Asset Forfeiture Fund that may be used to purchase and upgrade forensic analysis equipment. Currently, the Crime Lab has one digital device analysis workstation that is capable of processing one device (i.e. cellphone) at a time. As such, there has been a backlog of cases requiring this type of analysis. In order to improve efficiency of digital data evidence forensic analysis the Department is recommending the purchase of the Micro Systemation XRY Complete workstation. This system was selected because it is the only system available that can perform three simultaneous examinations, resulting in improved response time during crucial investigations.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The purchase of the equipment will be funded from available reserves generated from revenues received from the State pursuant to SB 720.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office