



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 9, 2012
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Patrol Division/Traffic Section, Police Department
SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Police Foundation Donation

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept a donation in the amount of \$3,000 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation; and
- B. Increase estimated revenues and appropriations by \$3,000 in the Police Asset Forfeiture and Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the installation of motorcycle patrol rifles funded from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation donation.

DISCUSSION:

In March 2002, the Santa Barbara Police Department deployed AR-15 semi-automatic rifles in all black and white patrol units. The AR-15's were issued to field officers in order to provide superior capability to protect themselves and citizens when coming into contact with heavily armed criminals.

The Santa Barbara Police Department officers assigned to motorcycle duty are considered "first responders" and have the same need for patrol rifle capability as officers assigned to patrol vehicles. Motorcycle units are often dispatched and respond to the same high priority calls as patrol officers, often being the first to arrive on scene due to their mobility. Currently, when the motor officers arrive to these dangerous incidents, they are only armed with their handgun and have no vehicle to use as cover/concealment. A total of \$23,200 has previously been appropriated for this project; however, for completion of the project the Santa Barbara Police Foundation will donate an additional \$3,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funding for this item will come entirely from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation's donation and no City funds will be utilized.

PREPARED BY: Captain David Whitham, Patrol Division Commander

SUBMITTED BY: Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office