



# MEMORANDUM

*Office of Dennis Graham, Chief of Police*

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**To:** Tom Williams, City Manager  
**From:** Dennis Graham, Chief of Police *D. A.*  
**Subject:** Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS FY 2008)  
**Date:** November 21, 2007

**ISSUE:**

How shall the Milpitas Police Department spend state grant funds (Fiscal Year 2008) allotted by Citizen Options for Public Safety?

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Milpitas received COPS funds from the state pursuant to Government Code 30061, in the amount of \$128,004. These funds must be used to support front line law enforcement services and must supplement and not supplant existing funding for front line law enforcement services. No city matching funds are required.

These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to written request from the Chief of Police of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the city. The request shall specify the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel, equipment and programs that are necessary to meet those needs.

After convening a public hearing before the City Council, the funding will be evaluated by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committer (SLEOC) as required by law.

We are recommending that the funds be used to finance the following:

1. Alert Line Enhancement to CAD	\$17,000
2. Automated License Plate Reader	\$24,000
3. Chemical Agents	\$2,500
4. Child ID System for fingerprinting	\$8,604
5. CrashZone Training	\$3,300
6. Digital Evidence Photo Software	\$36,244
7. Field Evidence Supplies	\$9,100
8. Rifle Magazines	\$3,190
9. <u>Tasers w/cameras</u>	<u>\$24,066</u>
<b>TOTAL: \$128,004</b>	

## **DISCUSSION:**

The estimated costs of the requested items as outlined below include tax and shipping:

**Alert Line Enhancement to CAD.** This is a new module to our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This new module will alert dispatchers to any priority messages or changes to an existing CAD event. Important changes include Upgrade/Downgrade in Priority, change of address or location, and any urgent message such as "man with a gun" or "suspect is approaching the building." The module will alert the dispatcher visually and audibly with an alert tone via the Alert Line module and allow the dispatcher to open/view the event by selecting the Alert Line message.

**\$17,000**

**Automated License Plate Reader.** This technology has proven to be an invaluable investigative tool responsible for the recovery of stolen vehicles, disproving fictitious alibis and locating sex offenders who are out of registration compliance.

**\$24,000**

**Chemical Agents.** Chemical agents are used during training scenarios, SWAT operations as well as for unruly crowd control and dispersal. In accordance with our department chemical munitions purchase plan, our current supply of the chemical agents will be depleted due to upcoming expiration dates. The purchase will allow for a new supply of chemical agents to be rotated into stock and be available for immediate deployment.

**\$2,500**

**Child ID System for fingerprinting (2).** The system (@ \$4,302 each) is all-inclusive and allows our Senior Volunteers the ability to provide free child identification fingerprinting to children. The two new systems, with faster processing capacity, will allow volunteers to more quickly process each child at various events throughout the city. The current systems would remain stationary at the Great Mall Storefront and in the Command Van.

**\$8,604**

**CrashZone Training.** The CrashZone accident diagramming system, which includes software, a laser rangefinder and other accessories that allow for accurate measurements and efficient diagramming of fatal and injury accidents and major crime scenes, was previously purchased through grant funding. Second-stage training in the amount of \$3,300 will focus on forensic mapping of crime scenes and court presentation of evidence.

**\$3,300**

### **Digital Evidence Photo Software.**

Several years ago the Police Department transitioned from standard 35mm film photography to digital photography as the technology improved to the point where it was widely accepted by the courts. Currently we store digital images on a desktop computer very similar to the way consumer photos are stored at home. Because of the proliferation of digital evidence over the last few years, the police department now finds itself in need of a photographic management system capable of indexing, cataloging, storing, retrieving and duplicating this evidence while also creating the required audit trail to determine who has viewed, printed or, in adjudicated cases, deleted photographic evidence.

**\$36,244**

**Evidence Supplies.** Our Field Evidence Technicians currently use digital cameras and associated equipment, which are over 5 years old and obsolete compared to current technology. A new camera, memory cards, and lenses (\$4,300), camcorder (\$1,200) and printer and associated consumables (\$1,550) would speed and improve the collection and preservation of evidence. Also needed are a metal detector (\$700), disposable evidence collection tools (such as tweezers, scalpels, fingerprint brushes, and fingerprint powders) to ensure the integrity of DNA evidence (\$850), and standardized crime scene kits (\$500).

**\$9,100**

**Rifle Magazines.** We currently deploy 20-round magazines for our AR-15 rifles, and the springs inside the magazines have reached their useful life span as a result of normal wear and tear. The manufacturer offers higher capacity 30-round magazines with longer life spans. A purchase of 110 new 30-round magazines (@ \$29 each) would enable the armorers to replace the existing inventory of 20-round magazines.

**\$3,190**

**Taser & Holsters.** Officers currently share Tasers, limiting care and maintenance accountability. Nineteen additional Tasers (@ \$1,266 each, including camera and holster) will enable some officers to have individually issued Tasers, allowing for better tracking of malfunctions and repairs.

**\$24,066**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Allocate 2008 COPS funds for the above program areas.

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City of Milpitas, California

**BUDGET CHANGE FORM**

Type of Change	From		To	
	Account	Amount	Account	Amount
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Appropriation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer	261-3567	\$128,004	261-7134875	\$17,000
			261-7144922	\$8,604
			261-7214873	\$24,000
			261-7214921	\$29,756
			261-7224503	\$3,300
			261-7244223	\$1,350
			261-7244875	\$36,244
			261-72449XX	\$7,750

**Explain the reason for the budget change:**

The California State Legislature awarded \$128,004 to the City of Milpitas through the Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant. No city matching funds are required.

Government Code sections 30061-30065 specify that these funds must be used for front line law enforcement services and must supplement and not supplant existing funding for front line law enforcement services. These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to a written request from the Chief of Police of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for that city. The request shall indicate the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel and equipment that are necessary to meet those needs.

The police staff is requesting that the designated monies be used to fund: Alert Line Enhancement to Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) system; Automated License Plate Reader; Chemical Agents, Child ID System for Fingerprinting; CrashZone Accident Diagramming Training; Digital Evidence Photo Software; Field Evidence Supplies; Rifle Magazines; Tasers w/cameras.

Approve grant funds of \$128,004 from California State Legislature to Police Department's operating budget for front line law enforcement services.

Check if City Council Approval required. Meeting Date: December 11, 2007

Itemization of funds, if needed:			Amount
Requested by:	Division Head:	Date:	
	Department Head:	Date:	
Reviewed by:	Finance Director: <i>for Emma Karlen</i>	Date: 11/30/07	
Approved by:	City Manager:	Date:	
Date approved by City Council, if required:		Confirmed by:	