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The X 26E Advanced Tasers provide a safer, more effective tool for law enforcement officers facing situations that pose threats to their safety and the safety of others. The Tasers are reliable devices that utilize innovative technology to stop resistive suspects and provide effective alternatives to other types of force. The Gainesville Police Department already has thirty six (36) tasers in patrol and has assessed this to be an effective tool for law enforcement.

As of 2006, Florida State Statute (FSS) 943.1717 mandates what use of force level a Taser must be placed and also mandates the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Committee create specific training topics, hours and recertification requirements. The Gainesville Police Department will follow or exceed both the Florida State Statute and CJSTC requirements in both policy and training.

The Public Safety Committee discussed this purchase at its August 25, 2008 meeting and unanimously voted to approve the item to be presented to the City Commission.

Funding is available for the Federal LECTFT for \$22,000. The balance of the account is \$1,337,482.02

The City Commission authorize the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$22,000 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the purchase of 20 Tasers and associated equipment.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission authorize partial funding for 10 Tasers not to exceed \$11,000.

Alternative Recommendation B: The City Commission deny funding.

