



Legislation Text

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Special Weapons and Tactics Team Equipment Upgrades from Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Funds (NB)

The Gainesville Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team is a highly trained and skilled tactical team resource utilized for team responses to non-routine situations, such as hostage, barricade and high risk occurrences. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team utilizes special equipment and training in an attempt to lessen the risk of injury or death to team members, citizens and suspects during the performance of their duties. This request is to upgrade protective gear and tactical equipment. Due to the sensitive nature of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team and the equipment utilized to carry out their duties, the information regarding the specific equipment is not included, however, is available at the Gainesville Police Department.

Funds for this expenditure are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and is allowable per Federal 21 U.S.C. § 881, found in the U.S. Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies". The balance in the account is \$4,561,764. Balance is adjusted to account for pending items.

The City Commission approve the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$43,750 and the issuance of a purchase order to SRT Supply, St. Petersburg, Florida from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Trust Fund, for law enforcement equipment upgrades.