



Legislation Text

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Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund (LECFTF) Funding for the Gainesville - Alachua County Drug Task Force, Gainesville Police Department Special Investigations Division for Nextel communications equipment for FY2011 (NB)

On November 1, 2007, the Gainesville Police Department Special Investigations Division (GPD SID) combined with the Alachua County Sheriffs' Office Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit (ASO NOCU), along with the University of Florida Police Department (UPD) to form the Gainesville - Alachua County Drug Task Force (DTF).

The DTF is often involved in large scale operations with other federal, state and local organizations involved in the war on drugs. Nextel phone equipment has become the standard primary source of communication, especially when radio communication is not possible (such as when DTF personnel are out of the county) by all other agencies that the DTF deals with on a constant basis. Within the DTF, ASO NOCU and UPD personnel are already equipped with Nextel phone systems, whereas the GPD SID personnel are currently using non-compatible Verizon equipment.

This funding request is for the purchase of appropriate Nextel equipment and operating expenses for FY2011; for officer safety in the field, communications capabilities in areas not covered by current radio equipment and for compatibility in communications equipment with other DTF personnel and other agencies.

Funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$7,648.27 are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and is allowable per Federal 21 USC 881 found in the US Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies."

Recommended Motion: The City Commission approve the appropriation of \$7,648.27 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the purchase of appropriate Nextel communications equipment and service expenses related to the equipment for FY2011 for the Gainesville Police Department Special Investigations Division.