



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 1/23/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director(s)
Contact Info: Douglas Martin, CFO
ext 4293

SUBJECT: Waiver of Competition for Purchase of Law Enforcement Equipment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Agent to procure Taser equipment and supplies for the Sheriff's Department without being required to conduct a formal bid process for the period ending June 30, 2008.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department outfits front line personnel with equipment so that they can perform the duties they are assigned. However, custody personnel were not equipped with Tasers when the department brought the equipment into service in 2005. This action provides for the ability to acquire units and cartridges for use on duty and for training purposes for the period ending June 30, 2008. It is anticipated the department will spend about \$75,000 on Tasers and supplies for corrections officers and deputy sheriffs during this time frame.

ProForce Marketing, Inc., is the sole authorized police distributor for Taser International for the Southern California region, which includes Santa Barbara County. This eliminates the opportunity for any other vendor to sell the product to us.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Background:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal #2, A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit. The Board approved the first sole source waiver for ProForce on December 7, 2004 for a value not to exceed \$250,000. Since then the department has purchased 270 Tasers plus training and duty cartridges and has exhausted the limits set in the first waiver.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

The initial purchase of Taser equipment under this proposed Action is funded by a donation from the Sheriff's Council. The donation and appropriation of expense budget was approved by the Board on November 14, 2006, BRR #2006166. Future purchases of equipment and supplies will be included in the operating budget of the department.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a minute order to Douglas Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Sheriff's Department, and Purchasing Manager, General Services.

Attachments:

Authored by:

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