

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2009

Date Submitted: February 2, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Sheriff David Harvey, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

Subject: Request Board Approval to Spend \$28,375 from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund for Purchase of Equipment

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to spend \$28,375 from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund for the purchase of equipment for the Narcotics Unit and for community support of crime prevention programs. The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) certifies that this request complies with the provisions of F.S. 932.7055(5)(a).

Background:

The Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund was established pursuant to F.S. 932.7055(5)(a). Proceeds from all property obtained through final judgment are deposited into this fund. Funds from this account may be expended upon request by the Sheriff to the Board of County Commissioners. The cash balance in the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund as of December 31, 2008 is \$46,240.43.

The WCSO is requesting to use these funds to purchase the criminal surveillance equipment and to support community crime prevention programs. F.S. 932.7055(5)©(3) requires local law enforcement agencies that acquire at least \$15,000 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act to expend or donate no less than 15 percent of such proceeds towards the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program. The local law enforcement has the discretion to determine which program(s) will receive the designated proceeds.

Analysis:

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is requesting to spend \$28,375 out of the Drug Trust Fund. During the fiscal year 07-08, the Drug Trust Fund acquired \$33,271.39 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

Options:

1. Approve the WCSO to spend \$28,375 from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund to purchase electronic surveillance equipment and to support community crime prevention programs.

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2. Do not approve the WCSO to spend \$28,375 from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund to purchase electronic surveillance equipment and to support community crime prevention programs
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1