

City of Coconut Creek InterOffice Memorandum

To: Karen Brooks
City Manager

Date: April 19, 2021

From: Albert A. Arenal 
Chief of Police

Subject: Request State Forfeiture
Funds \$5,000

I am requesting a total of \$5,000 from the State Forfeiture Fund. This money will be used for the following:

1 – Donation to the Florida Police Chiefs Education and Research Foundation

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) Education and Research Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This donation made by all members of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association will be used to aid in costs for the FPCA 2021 Summer Training Conference where training sessions covering issues facing law enforcement will be discussed.

This item falls within the provisions of the Department of Justice Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies Agreement for expenditure of federal and local forfeiture funds.

As of April 19, 2021, the Finance Department's fund reconciliation shows \$60,024.20 available in our local forfeiture account to cover this request.

Your consideration and approval of this request is greatly appreciated. If you would like to further discuss this with me, please let me know.

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Attachments

cc: Captain Frederick C. Hofer, II, SAS Bureau Commander
Jeannette Camacho, Police Legal Advisor

APPROVED

DATE

DENIED


KAREN BROOKS
City Manager

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BROWARD COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

SUNRISE POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10440 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD, SUNRISE, FLORIDA 33351



Chiefs/Sheriff,

This year the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association ("BCCPA") is the host-sponsor for the 2021 Florida Police Chief's Association ("FPCA") Summer Conference ("Conference"). Obtaining donations from State forfeiture accounts will help greatly towards meeting our fundraising goals. During our most recent BCCPA meeting, a \$5,000 donation from each agency was requested, if funds were available, to help fund the training portion of the Conference. However, any amount of donation is appreciated.

Your one-time donation will be made payable to the Florida Police Chiefs Education and Research Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization with a tax ID number of 59-2965108. All funds donated from BCCPA members to the FPCA Education and Research Foundation will be credited to BCCPA for the Conference.

Attached to this letter is a formal request and certification from Amy Mercer, Executive Director of FPCA, seeking State forfeiture funds to support the Conference. The BCCPA Legal Advisor Committee has reviewed the attached request and certification and have opined that it meets the statutory requirements of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes, relating to the donation of forfeiture funds. As always, you should consult with your agency's legal counsel on the issue of permitted uses of the funds.

Upon getting authorization to utilize your State forfeiture funds for donation, please have the check made out to the Florida Police Chiefs Education and Research Foundation and send same directly to me. I will forward the check to FPCA and ensure that it is properly credited to BCCPA for the Conference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this important matter.

Chief Jonathan Shaw

Chairman of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association Fundraising Committee

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Florida Police Chiefs Association

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March 22, 2021

Dear Chiefs/Sheriff:

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) is holding their 2021 Summer Training Conference at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. The Broward County Chiefs of Police Association (BCCPA) is the host for this event. The conference training will consist of Excellence in Leadership, Courageous Leadership, Case Study on Genetic Genealogy, Florida State Agency Updates and The War on Cops: How the Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe.

The FPCA is requesting a one-time donation from BCCPA law enforcement member's state forfeiture trust funds to help offset the cost of this valuable training conference.

Additionally, FPCA certifies that any expenditure of the donations will be in accordance with F.S. 932.7055(5)(c). FPCA will also furnish an accounting of the funds spent in the same form, as the donating law enforcement agency would be required to furnish as provided in the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

Sincerely,

Amy Mercer
Executive Director
The Florida Police Chiefs Association