



AGENDA REPORT
SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: July 3, 2012

Agenda Item 6K
Approvals:
City Manager
Dept. Head
Attorney
Finance

Department: Police Services
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Subject: CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (COPS)

Summary: In 1996, the California State Assembly Bill 3229 (Brulte) created the Citizens Option for Public Safety Programs (COPS).

The City of San Clemente will receive roughly \$100,000 from the COPS funds for F.Y. 2012/13. AB 3229 requires the funds be used only for "front line municipal police services". The funds are meant to supplement funding otherwise not available for local public safety, including personnel, equipment and programs. These funds cannot supplement any other existing funding, and there is a prohibition on reducing general fund appropriations for law enforcement.

The legislation calls for the City to establish a separate Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Fund (SLESF) where the funds received must be deposited. In F.Y. 2001-02, the City established account #002-000-33585 for funds received from COPS. Funds allocated for F.Y. 2012/13 can be deposited into that same account and meet the requirements of AB 3229. Fifteen years ago, Council agreed to add a new deputy position and use COPS funds to help pay for the position. Police Services recommends that we continue this policy and use this year's COPS funds to continue to pay a portion of a patrol deputy's position.

- 1. Partial salary for a portion of a patrol deputy's position \$100,000

Recommended Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council approve the use of COPS funds for a portion of a patrol deputy's position.

Fiscal Impact: None. Revenue and expenditures are included in the FY 2012/13 budget.

Attachments: None.

Notification: None.