

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: Police – Appropriate and allocate State asset forfeiture funds to purchase a call logger for Police and Fire communications.
Expenditure: Not to exceed \$28,500.**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$28,500 of State Asset Forfeiture funds and authorize a purchase order not to exceed \$28,500 to J.E.I. of Cameron Park, California, for the purchase of a call logger for Police and Fire Department communications.

FUNDING

Funding is available in the Unappropriated State Asset Forfeiture account (fund 2905).

BACKGROUND

The City is required by law to maintain a record of all incoming and outgoing voice transmissions in both the Police and Fire Departments' Communications Sections. The recordings are routinely reviewed and duplicated for court discovery issues, investigations, Risk Management, Internal Affairs, and field supervisors who are auditing employees' performance.

ANALYSIS

The existing call logger for the Police and Fire Departments' Communications Centers was acquired in 2004 and it has reached the end of its service life. Repeated equipment failure has created potential liability for the City for lost information. Replacing the existing system will help ensure that all the necessary information is recorded.

Police Department staff has researched and evaluated available products and identified the features needed for the call logger, including:

- Support for up to 240 channels of simultaneous, multi-channel recording from any combination of analog or digital telephone or radio lines
- Records analog telephone, radio, and microphone signals
- Voice activated or manual recording
- Real time monitoring and playback
- Archives to removable storage drive
- Recordings are date and time stamped
- Search recordings by date, time

The DVL2-72FS Digital Voice Logger from J.E.I. of Cameron Park, California, was identified as the best product for the Department's needs. The use of asset forfeiture funds is appropriate for this equipment acquisition. The purchase is exempt from bidding pursuant to Section 23.3.19 of the Torrance Municipal Code:

**Section 23.3.19 EXCEPTION; COMPUTER AND NETWORKING
HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE PURCHASES**

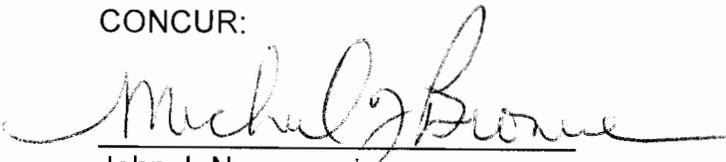
"The provisions of this Article do not apply to contracts for the purchase of computer and networking hardware and software. The purchase of computer and networking hardware and software will be done pursuant to regulations and procedures established by the City Manager."

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:


John J. Neu
Chief of Police


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