



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THRU: Tom Mattmuller, Chief of Police

FROM: Eric Hill, Police Captain

DATE: July 31, 2019

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

SUBJECT: Donate Forfeiture Funds to Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue

Background:

The Venice Police Department seeks approval to donate \$750 in forfeiture fund monies to Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue.

The Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue is a 501©(3), nonprofit, non-government organization comprised of highly trained, highly motivated, nationally certified volunteers and K9s. Their mission is to strengthen and assist local, state and national first responders with professional, well-organized and well-trained teams of handlers and K9s to ensure the safest and most positive outcome of each deployment. The organization assisted Venice Police several times for incidents such as evidence searches, missing persons and human remains detection.

Florida Statute 932.7055(5)(c)3 requires

“Any local law enforcement agency that acquires at least \$15,000 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act within a fiscal year must expend or donate no less than 25 percent of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs. The local law enforcement agency has the discretion to determine which program or programs will receive the designated proceeds.”

As required by Florida law, Chief Mattmuller certifies that this request complies with the provisions of the Florida Contraband and Forfeiture Act.

Requested Action: City Council approval to donate \$750 in forfeiture fund monies to Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue.

City Attorney Review: Approved

Risk Management Review: N/A

Funds Availability: \$40,000 from the Forfeiture Fund are appropriated for FY 19.