



DATE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: October 7, 2008

TO: GARY KEEFE, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND – CITIZEN’S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing regarding the use of \$100,000 provided under the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund to continue support of one police officer position and one dispatcher/jailer position.
2. Approve the Police Department’s requests for funding from the *Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund - “AB 3229”* for fiscal year 2008-2009 pursuant to Government Code 30061.

BACKGROUND

The State Legislature approved appropriations from the State’s general fund in 2008 for funding to local law enforcement agencies. The Governor has again elected to allocate the money to local law enforcement services. The monies appropriated under this program, also known as California’s C.O.P.S. (Citizens’ Option for Public Safety) program, will provide \$100,000 to the City of Lompoc for front line municipal police services during FY 2008-2009. As has been the case in previous years, the funds must supplement, not supplant existing appropriations, and they must be placed in a **Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund** account.

RECOMMENDATION

The Police Department recommends that the 2008-2009 allocation (\$100,000) be designated to continue to support one Police Officer position and one full time Dispatcher-Jailer position. These positions were originally established under A.B. 3229 and their continuation would not be considered as supplanting. Costs of the employees designated under this program, including anticipated salary and benefits, for the respective positions for FY 2008-2009 are:

A-Step Police Officer:	\$ 86,591
G-Step Dispatcher/Jailer:	<u>\$ 75,703</u>
Total:	\$162,294
Allocation:	<u>\$100,000</u>
Deficit	<\$ 62,294>

The City Finance Department has designated General Fund monies in the 2008-2009 budget process to make up the difference between this year's allocation and the actual cost of these positions.

When allocations are made in following years, the Department will renew its request and recommendation to the City Council that the funding continue to support these two positions. There is no requirement to allocate matching funds in order to receive this money.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

GARY KEEFE
City Administrator