



Chesterfield Police Memorandum



DATE: September 24, 2018

TO: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

FROM: Chief Ray Johnson

SUBJECT: WEAPON PURCHASE PROPOSAL.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request authorization to utilize asset forfeiture funds for the purchase/replacement of police duty weapons.

The Glock Model .40cal. handgun/firearm duty weapons currently in use by the Police department are in excess of 11 years old; which is at the upper end of the projected useful lifespan of the weapon (10 to 12 years). The cost of maintenance and repairs of these continues to climb each year. At this point, the manufacturer's recommended maintenance for these weapons will cost \$161.00 per weapon. The cost of the new Glock G-17 9mm less trade-in value for the existing weapon is only \$178.50, or a total cost of a new weapon versus recommended maintenance/repairs of only \$17.50 per weapon.

In addition to the financial practicality of this proposal, there are several additional benefits. The proposed new Glock Model G-17 9mm is a smaller and much easier to handle firearm of greater velocity. Our change to the 9mm back-up/off-duty firearm just a couple years ago resulted in a marked improvement in marksmanship and range qualification scores throughout the department. Also, the cost of the 9mm ammunition is considerably cheaper, and will standardize the caliber of weapons used within the department making not only the ammunition carried, but the magazines and other weapon parts also interchangeable between duty and backup/off-duty weapons. But, aside from the nominal cost difference, is the much more growing concern of the increasing possibility of weapon failures in a tactical situation.

Therefore, I am recommending the replacement of our current weapons with the purchase of 110 new Model G-17 Glock 9mm firearms and the purchase of duty holsters to accommodate the new weapons at a total cost of approximately \$32,000 to be paid from the current balance of Police Department asset/drug forfeiture account. As you are aware, the initial draft budget proposal proposed using \$100,000 of the current forfeiture balance to offset the \$145,000 initial cost of the new body camera system, leaving a balance of \$6,600 in the forfeiture account. If Council approves the purchase of new sidearms, the forfeiture funds available for the body cameras will be reduced by roughly \$17,000 in the 2019 budget, allowing for a \$75,000 offset to the purchase of the body cameras. These transactions if ultimately approved, will consume the current value of the forfeiture account, which is of course, their intended purpose. Additional forfeiture funding is likely in the coming fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration. Please advise if you have any additional questions or concerns.

cc: Chris DesPlanques