



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: January 9, 2018

Subject: Appropriation Adjustment - Equipment (Asset Forfeiture Funds)

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE Appropriation and Revenue Adjustment No.5044 authorizing new revenue in the amount of \$139,500 in the Office of the Sheriff (0255) and appropriating it for the purchase of Victory Tactical Active Shooter Kits.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action increases revenue and appropriations by \$139,500 with no change in Net County Cost. The new revenue is from the Sheriff Forfeiture Federal-DOJ fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

Equitably shared funds from Federal Asset Forfeiture accounts have been set aside in accordance with Department of Justice (DOJ) guidelines and will be used specifically for law enforcement purposes. Asset Forfeiture Funds can be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes. This includes the costs associated with the purchase, lease, maintenance or operation of law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities.

Recently, mass shootings and active shooter incidents have once again dominated the

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/09/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 9, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

such incidents occurred within the past three months. The tragic shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado almost twenty years ago significantly changed the philosophies, policies and procedures regarding law enforcement's response to active shooter incidents. Since the Columbine shooting, police agencies have adopted tactics in which patrol/first responders immediately respond to active shooter situations with the goal of engaging and neutralizing the threat. This vastly differs from the tactics law enforcement practiced prior to the Columbine incident, which was for patrol personnel to contain the situation and wait for SWAT and other specialized personnel to mobilize and address the threat. This significant change in procedure also emphasized the importance of well-trained and well-equipped patrol staff.

One of the common links in all of the above-mentioned incidents was the suspects carried out their attacks using semi-automatic rifles. Semi-automatic and other high-powered rifles give the perpetrators of these crimes the ability to cause many casualties in a relatively short amount of time.

Currently, sworn personnel assigned to patrol and other field operations are equipped with Level II or Level III A Kevlar soft body armor. While these types of body armors are designed to provide protection against attacks by most small arms, they do not provide the most optimal protection against assault-style rifles or other high-powered armaments.

The Victory Tactical Ballistic Plate Carriers are certified by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to stop up to six rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition traveling at 3,000 feet per second. Additionally, these steel plates will stop .308 (7.62 x 51 mm) rounds as well as most pistol rounds.

Equipping all Sheriff's Office FOB personnel with the Victory Tactical ballistic plate carriers and Kevlar helmets would ensure deputies are adequately equipped and prepared to respond to an active/mass shooting incident anywhere within Contra Costa County at a moment's notice.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Estimated revenue and appropriations will not be reflected in the current year budget for the purpose of acquiring equipment.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

## ATTACHMENTS

Appropriations and Revenue Adjustment No. 5044