



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo

12-2295

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: November 6, 2012

TITLE: Motion to approve police recruit training and mandatory retraining classes - \$106,960

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve police recruit training and mandatory retraining classes through The District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida, in the amount not to exceed \$106,960, per Ordinance Section 2-189(c)(4), purchases from another governmental or educational entity or non-profit agency.

Background

Since 1972, the District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida, has been certified by the State of Florida to provide basic recruit training for Florida Region XIII, which includes Fort Lauderdale. All police recruits, whether candidates for police officer or public safety aide, are required to attend training provided by the Academy in order to obtain state certification.

The Police Department has projected during fiscal year 2013, the following positions will be filled as a result of our continued efforts to maintain full staffing levels for first responders. Filling these positions, coupled with providing local, mandatory and other training will result in the following projected training costs:

Non-Certified Police Officers: 20 positions @ \$3,575	\$ 71,500
Certified Police Officers (exam qualification) 8 positions @\$1,210	\$ 9,680
Public Safety Aide: 18 positions@ \$710	\$ 12,780
Mandatory retraining/miscellaneous classes	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
TOTAL	\$106,960

Although all of the above training is available at other state certified training centers such as Miami-Dade College and Palm Beach Community College, the Police Department is recommending using the services of Broward College's Institute of Public Safety. It should be noted that the academy cost for a police officer at Miami-Dade College and at Palm Beach Community College is the same or higher. The Broward County Institute of Public Safety at Broward College also has the added advantage of providing local emphasis

such as county ordinances, multi-agency task forces and insight from the Broward Chiefs of Police Association and the Law Enforcement Advisory Board. Additionally, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department maintains a full-time academy advisor on staff at Broward College to assist our employees and the campus is in close proximity to the City. This is vital since travel and training have both been restricted due to budgetary constraints. For these reasons, as well as the cost, we feel it is more beneficial and in the best interest of the City to continue using Broward College's Institute of Public Safety for our primary training needs. Broward College has increased tuition for Police Officer Academy training and some Mandatory Training from the previous fiscal year. Tuition has also decreased for some courses such as the Certified Officer Pre-Exam Qualification Course. These fluctuations in pricing have been factored into our cost projections.

Resource Impact

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:								
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YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	001	01	GENERAL FUND	POL020211	SUPPORT SVS TRAINING	4116	SCHOOLS	106,960.00
							TOTAL	106,960.00

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