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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2024

TITLE: Motion Accepting Donation of Equipment from the Broward Sheriff's

Advisory Council - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation of equipment from the Broward Sheriff's Advisory Council (BSAC) and to execute any documents required to accept the donation between the BSAC and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

The BSAC is a non-for-profit corporation that supports first responder programs and initiatives throughout Broward County. The BSAC is not a government-affiliated organization and routinely provides funding for target-specific purposes approved by their Board of Directors.

The BSAC is requesting approval to donate specialized equipment to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Bomb Squad. Currently the Bomb Squad does not have a portable x-ray device that operates in real time. The Scana Scansilc 2430 X-Ray System is a state-of-the-art portable x-ray system that can be used to scan suspicious packages and items during large scale events and tactical operations.

Such equipment would allow suspicious packages to be reviewed in an accelerated time frame given the ability to view x-ray images in real time allowing technicians to operate safely under a variety of conditions. Many of the smaller and less active jurisdictions in Broward County do not have access to this type of sophisticated equipment. With this donation to the Department, other jurisdictions can be aided in dealing with suspicious packages that may pose a threat to public safety.

Resource Impact

This action results in a positive impact to the overall financial condition of the City by eliminating the need to purchase this equipment by the General Fund. The acquisition cost of this valuable equipment is \$57,870.

<u>Strategic Connections</u>
This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Quotation from the Broward Sheriff's Advisory Council

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