#17-0480

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: April 19, 2017

**TITLE**: Motion to Approve the Use of Law Enforcement Trust Funds – Purchase and

Installation of D&R Blac-Rac Rifle Racks - Strobes-R-Us, Inc. - \$41,338.60

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the use of Law Enforcement Trust Funds to purchase D&R Blac-Rac rifle racks from Strobes-R-Us, Inc. in the amount of \$33,178.60 and for the installation of the racks in the amount of \$8,160.00 for a total of \$41,338.60.

### **Background**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department desires to equip fifty-eight (58) marked police vehicles with rifle racks to secure rifles carried by officers and sergeants. Police Department personnel respond directly to critical incidents, which may require that they arm themselves with rifles. Recent incidents across the country highlight the need for our personnel to arm themselves with appropriate firearms and have them readily accessible in the police vehicles. The rifle racks will be installed in the passenger compartment of the vehicle as opposed to the present trunk mounted racks. The passenger compartment racks provide a significant security enhancement, as a rifle would have to be cut apart before the rack itself can be comprised.

The purchase and installation of the racks will be from Strobes-R-Us, Inc. in the amount of \$41,338.60 *via* Broward County Sheriff's Office Contract 13104030.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the LETF in the amount of \$41,338.60 for FY 17.

Funds available as of April 6, 2017					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
107-POL080301-6499	Justice Department Other	Capital Outlay/Other Equipment	\$726,963	\$659,975	\$41,338.60
				PURCHASE TOTAL►	\$41,338.60

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

## <u>Attachment</u>

Exhibit 1 – Chief's Certification

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