

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Seminole Community College Public Safety Training Center in Geneva

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED BY: Sheriff Eslinger CONTACT: Penny Fleming EXT. 6617

Agenda Date <u>1/11/05</u>	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session <input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>		

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute the following BAR appropriating \$121,175 in General Fund reserves and increasing the Sheriff's Office operating budget by an equivalent amount, representing the Sheriff's Office contribution to the Seminole Community College public safety training center project

**BACKGROUND:**

The Seminole County law enforcement community, in cooperation with Seminole Community College has been actively seeking funds in order to develop a comprehensive Public Safety Training Center to be utilized by over 800 local first responders in Seminole County. The training center would be operated by the College on land in Geneva, leased to the College by the County specifically for this purpose. With so many training requirements now necessary for first responders in the areas of law enforcement, homeland security and defensive measure, a consolidated and comprehensive training center is a critical need within Seminole County. At the present time, law enforcement officers must travel to various locations throughout Seminole County and to neighboring counties to meet a myriad of required training.

One component of the training complex, a driving track where first responders can safely learn emergency response driving skills and defensive driving, should receive \$1.0 million in State funding this fiscal year. A second component of the training complex, a \$500,000 classroom facility is eligible to receive a \$250,000 grant, if an equivalent amount of matching funds can be secured by January 31, 2005. In order to generate the matching funds, Seminole Community College and the Seminole County law enforcement community have established a funding schedule based upon the number of law enforcement officers each governmental agency employs at this time. The schedule is as follows:

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: <u>UB</u>
Other: _____
DCM: <u>SS</u>
CM: <u>KB</u>
File No. <u>RSHO00</u>

<b>Local Government Agency</b>	<b>Number of Officers</b>	<b>Required Contribution</b>
Altamonte Springs	94	\$ 27,647
Casselberry	56	16,471
Lake Mary	34	10,000
Longwood	38	11,177
Oviedo	52	15,294
Sanford	106	31,177
Winter Springs	58	17,059
Seminole County Sheriff's Office	412	121,175
<b>Totals</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>

Due to the importance of the training center to the law enforcement community and the need to maximize available grant funds, all of the aforementioned local government agencies have committed to securing their assigned contribution and depositing said funds with the Community College by January 31, 2005 as required by the grant. Since these funds were not budgeted for by the Sheriff's Office during the preparation and adoption of the FY 2004/05 budget, the Sheriff's Office is requesting that the required funds come from the General Fund reserves.

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**BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST**

DFS Recommendation	
Deborah Smith	10/27/04
Analyst	Date
<i>DLB</i>	
Budget Mgr	Date
Director	Date
	12/23/04

TO: Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Department of Fiscal Services

SUBJECT: **Budget Amendment Resolution**  
Department: **Sheriff's Office**  
Fund(s): **General Fund**

PURPOSE: To appropriate \$121,175 in General Fund Reserves to represent the Sheriff's Office contribution to the Seminole Community College Public Safety Training Center Project.

ACTION: Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute Budget Amendment Resolution.

In accordance with Section 129.06(2), Florida Statutes, it is recommended that the following accounts in the County budget be adjusted by the amounts set forth herein for the purpose described.

**Sources:**

Account Number	Project #	Account Title	Amount
00100.999901.599998		Reserve for Contingency	\$121,175
<b>Total Sources</b>			<b>\$121,175</b>

**Uses:**

Account Number	Project #	Account Title	Amount
00100.013001.590963.03		Intergovernmental Transfers - Sheriff's - Operating Expenses	121,175
<b>Total Uses</b>			<b>\$121,175</b>

**BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

This Resolution, 2004-R-\_\_\_\_\_ approving the above requested budget amendment, was adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida \_\_\_\_\_ as reflected in the minutes of said meeting.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daryl G. McLain  
Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered by County Finance Department

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Seminole Community College

E. Ann McGee, President

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December 15, 2004

The Honorable Carlton Henley  
Chairman, Seminole County Board of Commissioners  
Seminole County Services Building  
1101 E. First St.  
Sanford, FL 32771

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SEMINOLE COUNTY  
COUNTY MANAGER

Dear Chairman Henley:

Seminole Community College has been working with the Sheriff's Office and Seminole County police chiefs for some time in an effort to develop a Public Safety Training Complex/Driving Track to serve our criminal justice students and the training/retraining needs of law enforcement agencies throughout Seminole County.

I am pleased to report that our work appears, finally, to be bearing fruit. Of the total \$2.5 million needed for Phase I of this project, we believe that \$1 million will be available from the state in fiscal year 2005-2006, followed by an additional \$1 million in fiscal year 2006-2007. These funds will be used for construction of the driving track and other site improvements. What remains is \$500,000 needed to construct a building to house classrooms, offices, and storage. Because state revenue streams for building construction are in significant decline, it is not likely that funding for construction of a building will be available in the near future.

However, if Seminole Community College can raise \$250,000 in local contributions by January 31, 2005, we can request a dollar-for-dollar match from the state, thus enabling us to construct the training building.

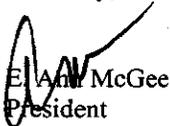
I am writing to ask that Seminole County consider participating financially in this important project. The attached document outlines the vision for the proposed training complex, documents its need, and details the local community contributions that would be necessary to request state matching monies and construct the building. Based on the number of police officers from each law enforcement agency that would use the track, Seminole County's share would come to \$121,177.

State law requires that local contributions be "in the bank" by January 31, 2005, in order to be eligible for state matching funds in fiscal year 2005-2006. So there is some urgency to this request.

Please give this request your most serious consideration. I believe that the project will be of great benefit to every community and citizen in our county. Together, we can ensure that Seminole County's law enforcement efforts remain a model for the rest of our state.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Don Payton of my staff at (407) 328-2434 or me at (407) 328-2010. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

  
E. Ann McGee  
President

cc: Sheriff Don Eslinger, Seminole County Sheriff's Office  
J. Kevin Grace, Seminole County Manager

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## **The Seminole Community College Public Safety Training Complex**

### **Introduction**

Guns, bombs, and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons are no longer distant dangers existing elsewhere. They are now part of American daily discourse and a potential threat to American lives. The current world situation and the recent events within our borders have caused our nation to re-examine our homeland security efforts and identify the challenges not currently being met by conventional public safety training.

Seminole Community College and Seminole County emergency responder partners are proactively seeking avenues to increase local emergency training by implementing plans to re-enforce our public safety defenses and preparations.

We have identified an immediate and critical need in Seminole County for:

- A comprehensive training complex that will serve all local emergency first responder personnel.
- Real world training and refresher training in an environment that is instructive and challenging, yet safe.
- A driver training track for defensive and emergency vehicle operations.
- A training site for handling hazardous materials and explosive devices.

### **Documentation of Need**

According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, there are more than 850 current emergency officers annually in Seminole County who are required to undergo tactical refresher training each year. In addition, in order to meet the demand for new public safety/law enforcement officers in our region and state, Seminole Community College trains approximately 200 new officers each year.

In less than 20 years, Seminole County will experience a 40 percent population growth. This explosive growth means that the challenges for the legion of law enforcement, correctional officers, fire, and emergency medical personnel charged with protecting our community will continue to increase exponentially.

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*To ensure the protection of our citizens, there is a critical need for more comprehensive tactical training and in-service skill building.*

Presently, Seminole County law enforcement officers must travel to neighboring Orange, Volusia, or Lake Counties for access to tactical driving training. There is no such facility in Seminole County. Not only must Seminole County law enforcement officers leave the county for this training, thereby detracting from their ability to respond quickly to emergencies that might arise, but they are also afforded time on the neighboring tracks on a space-available basis, after local officers from those counties are served.

### **Proposal to Address the Problem**

To address these vital training needs, Seminole Community College, in cooperation with law enforcement agencies across the county, has developed plans for a \$2.5 million Public Safety Training Center. Approximately \$1 million will be used to complete the driving track while the additional \$1.5 million will provide classroom space and establish a hazardous materials and explosive devices training compound.

The \$2.5 million that SCC is seeking for this training center will provide a real world, high quality, cost-effective advanced and specialized training environment for law enforcement, fire service, correctional, and emergency medical service personnel throughout Seminole County.

### **Benefits to the Community**

Our community will benefit by gaining stronger Emergency Response Teams that:

- Understand physiological & psychological factors that impact their performance in handling dangerous materials, explosives and in vehicle operation and control.
- Have mastered the basic components of defensive driving, emergency vehicle operation, maintenance and inspection
- Understand the various environmental conditions that impact vehicle operation and can recognize and handle protocols related to explosives and chemical agents.

### **Funding**

Seminole Community College believes that it will be successful in obtaining \$1 million in state funding in fiscal year 2005-2006 for site improvements and construction of the driving track. We also anticipate receiving an additional \$1 million in state funding in fiscal year 2006-2007. What remains is \$500,000 needed to construct a building to house classrooms and offices, and provide storage. We do not anticipate that state construction monies will be available for this purpose in the near future due to declining state revenue streams.

Consequently, we are requesting that Seminole County and local municipalities participate in funding this partnership project. If we can raise \$250,000 from local sources, SCC can use these contributions to claim an additional \$250,000 in state matching funds, thus enabling construction of the building.

The chart below depicts the contributions needed from each governmental entity in order to reach our goal of raising \$250,000. Each entity's share is based upon the number of law enforcement officers from that entity who will be using the facilities for training and retraining purposes. SCC will provide the up-front planning and development monies.

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**If you choose to participate, and we hope that you will, the contribution should be made out to the Seminole Community College Foundation and must be received by January 31, 2005. Funds received after that date will not be eligible for match in 2005-2006.**