

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item # 49

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure Request

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office DIVISION: _____

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

Agenda Date <u>2/24/04</u>	Regular <input type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input checked="" 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 by the Board of County Commissioners to utilize \$29,950 of Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the purchase of Family Table Time kits.

BACKGROUND:

\$29,950 contribution for the purchase of 1,000 Family Table Time “Kits”.

Family Table Time is a new and innovative crime prevention program predicated upon numerous studies, which indicate that in today's modern lifestyle; families do not spend enough quality time together, resulting in the potential for children to experiment with high-risk behavior. While the program does not differentiate between types of families, law enforcement professionals believe the program may be very beneficial for high-risk youth, especially those who are first time offenders. The main emphasis of the program is the purchase of a kitchen table “kit” that families put in place on the kitchen table – which is the mealtime gathering location for most families. The kit includes items such as a tablecloth that can be written on and other materials, which stimulate positive family discussions away from the distractions of television and radio. Program materials encourage families to sit together as a family for at least one meal, preferably dinner, to discuss issues, concerns, and interact as a family unit. Studies have shown that such interaction has a significant impact on the behavior and value systems of children and young adults.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to crime prevention programs aimed at youths, since the cost of such prevention is significantly less than the costs of crime, incarceration and rehabilitation later in life when behavior is much more difficult to change. Therefore, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase 1,000 Family Table Time kits at a reduced price of \$29.95 each, for a total of \$29,950 utilizing law enforcement trust fund monies. Purchase table kits would be distributed by Deputies and Sheriff's Office employees that interact with juveniles – with an emphasis on at-risk youth or those youth identified as being at-risk.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: <u>[Signature]</u>
Other: _____
DCM: <u>SS</u>
CM: <u>KE</u>
File No. <u>CSH000</u>

MEMORANDUM: Administrative Services 1704-04-017

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager

FROM: Penny J. Fleming, Chief
Administrative Services – Sheriff’s Office

DATE: February 9, 2004

SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Agenda Item

Attached to this correspondence is one (1) agenda item requesting Board of County Commission approval for the following item:

- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$29,950.00 for the purchase of Family Table Time Kits.

It is respectfully requested that the above agenda item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief Penny Fleming at 665-6617 or George Sellery at 665-6532.

Attachments

C: Department of Fiscal Services