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THE MAYOR

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA Mayor

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BPC #11-0110

The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa Mayor, City of Los Angeles City Hall, Room 303 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention Pamela Finley

Dear Honorable Mayor:

RE: DONATION OF TRAVEL FEES FOR FOUR BOMB TECHNICIANS TO TRAVEL TO ISRAEL FOR TRAINING, VALUED AT \$18,000.00, FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, March 22, 2011, the Board ACCEPTED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

The Board requests, subject to your approval, that this matter be forwarded to City Council for their approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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MARIA SILVA Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

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## INTK. DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPOND

March 15, 2011 1.10

**POLICE COMMISSION** 

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

Chief of Police FROM:

APPROVAL OF DONATION SUBJECT:

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners APPROVE and TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council the donation of the travel fees for four bomb technicians to Israel for training.

#### **DONOR INFORMATION:**

Los Angeles Police Foundation (#191-10) Ms. Cecilia Glassman, President 515 South Flower Street, Suite 1680 Los Angeles, California 90071 (213) 489-4636

**ITEMS**:

Travel and training fees for four **Bomb** Technicians

AMOUNT/VALUE:

\$18,000.00

#### DISCUSSION

This donation is for the benefit of Emergency Services Division. The sensitive nature of bomb squad protocols, techniques and tools often precludes a comprehensive exchange of information when it is communicated over long distances. This travel will provide the Bomb Squad Technicians on site and in person training with the host agency technicians and yields the greatest benefit.

This travel and training will allow the Bomb Squad personnel to access the latest innovative explosive countermeasures, specialized equipment and related investigative strategies. Please see attachment for details.

Administrative Services Bureau has reviewed the donation and determined that it has been submitted in accordance with Section 5.467 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, which provides for the receipt and acceptance of donations to the Police Department.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners Page 2 1.10

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Richard Smith, Emergency Services Division, at (323) 342-4200.

Respectfully,

CHARLIE BECK Chief of Police

Attachments

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

December 21, 2010 15.2

received DEC 28 2010 -#191-10

**TO:** Commanding Officer, Administrative Services Bureau

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Emergency Services Division

### SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION

It is requested that Administrative Services Bureau approve and forward correspondence to the Board of Police Commissioners to accept a solicited donation in the amount of \$18,000 from the Los Angeles Police Foundation. On September 14, 2010, Emergency Services Division received notification from the Police Foundation that they had approved this donation to send four Department bomb technicians to Israel for training.

Recent events occurring on both a national and international level clearly demonstrate that large cities such as Los Angeles face a growing terrorist threat involving vehicle-borne and personborne improvised explosive devices (IED). In response to this threat, the Department's Bomb Squad is researching and developing effective countermeasure strategies to defeat this type of IED. The Israeli National Police (INP) Bomb Squad has extensive experience in render-safe procedures for many types of explosive devices, and their technicians are also very skilled at conducting complex post-blast investigations.

Over the years, the Department's Bomb Squad has developed a strong working relationship with the INP. In 2002, a Department bomb technician visited Israel to exchange information with and receive training from members of the INP Bomb Squad. This training was of significant value to the Department. However, since that visit, the terrorist threat as well as the tools and techniques to effectively counter this threat have changed dramatically.

The sensitive nature of bomb squad protocols, techniques and tools, often precludes a comprehensive exchange of information when it is communicated over long distances. On site and in person visits, where bomb technicians can "embed" themselves with host agency technicians, yield the greatest benefit. This opportunity will allow Department technicians to respond to calls for service, receive training and exchange information with INP bomb technicians as well as witness equipment demonstrations first hand.

Funding this travel and training will allow the Department's Bomb Squad to access the latest innovative explosive countermeasures, specialized equipment and related investigative strategies. Among the benefits will be an increased margin of safety for patrol officers, bomb technicians, and the community.

The donation has been approved by the Los Angeles Police Foundation, 515 South Flower Street, Suite 1680, Los Angeles, CA 90071. The point of contact for the Police Foundation is Ms. Tracy Szpeinski, and she can be reached at (213) 489-4636. This donation will not have any impact on the Department's budget or any other City fund. This donation will pay for airfare, hotel, and daily costs. The only cost to the City will be the officers' salaries.

All possible conflicts of interest concerning this donation have been researched, and there are no known adverse effects. Furthermore, there are no maintenance, administrative or future costs associated with this donation.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please have a member of your staff contact Lieutenant Richard Smith, Emergency Services Division, at (323) 342-4200.

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HORACE E. FRANK, Captain Commanding Officer Emergency Services Division

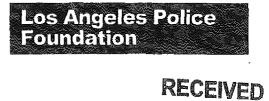
APPROVED:

REVIEWED:

MICHAEL P. DOWNING, Deputy Chief Commanding Officer Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

MICHEL R. MOORE, Ssistant Chief Director, Office of Special Operations

515 S. Flower St., Ste. 1680, Los Angeles, CA 90071 Phone: (213) 489-4636 Fax: (213) 489-4697 bryan@lapolicefoundation.org





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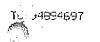
To:	ASB	From	Beth Ryan / Angela Collins	_
Fax:	213-485-8125	Pages:	+ cover sheet	_
Phone:	213-485-3277	Date:	September 1, 2010	
Re:	Grant Request #2010-052	cc:		

Attached is the latest grant request.

Grant Application received:	June 14, 2010		
Grant Received from:	Bomb Squad		
Contact:	Lt. Richard Smith		
Phone #:	(323) 342-4200		
Grant Name:	Bomb Squad Technician Training in Israel		
Grant Amount:	\$18,000.00		

Please Fax this information to Administrative Services Bureau at 213-485-8125 or if you have any questions, please contact us at 213-485-3277. Thank you.

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POLICE
Grant Number AND 2010 GRANT APPLICATION (office use only)
Date: May 12, 2010 Amount Requested: \$18,000
Contact Name(s): Lieutenant Richard Smith
Department/Unit: LAPD, Emergency Services Division, Bomb Squad
Mailing Address: 2029 N. Main Street, Los Angeles CA 90031
Phone Number: 323-342-4200 Fax Number: 323-342-4280
E-mail Address: 22957 @lapd.lacity.org
Name of Program/Equipment requesting funding for: LAPD Bomb Squad
Provide a brief description and the need for the program/equipment (use additional paper if needed):
Please see attached
Has this program/equipment previously been requested through the city budget?  YES XINO
If yes, please list the most recent date of submission and the result. N/A
If no, please explain the reason why it was not submitted.
There were no available funds in the Bomb Squad Travel/Training account.
What objectives will be accomplished if the funding is granted?
Please see attached
How can the foundation evaluate success if the funding is granted? (# of people served, objectives reached, surveys, etc.)
Post- travel presentation by Bomb Squad personnel to Police Foundation representatives on training received. Upon return, traveling employees will provide training to fellow Bomb Squad technicians.
Please list or attach an itemized list for expenses or a quote from equipment manufecturer on vendor's letterhead.
Has your commanding officer approved this request?
Name of commanding officer: Captain Horace Frank
Signature of commanding officer: <u>Hurack E.</u> Send completed grant application form by fax (213) 489-4697 or email bryan@lapolicefoundation.org or
515 S. Flower Street, Suite 1680 Los Angeles, CA 90071 213,489,4636

#### Los Angeles Police Foundation 2010 Grant Application – Bomb Squad May 12, 2010

It is requested that the Los Angeles Police Foundation provide funding in the amount of \$18,000 to send four Department bomb technicians to Israel for training over the course of the next year.

#### Background

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#### Travel Justification/Training Objectives

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#### Travel Expenses

The below costs will cover two trips to Israel and allow for two bomb technicians to participate in each trip (four technicians total):

Airfare:	Round trip airfare LAX to Tel Aviv via El Al Airlines (\$1,720 x 4)	S6,880
Hotel:	Marriott Hotel (14 Nights x Two Trips) \$260 per night (double occupancy)	7,280
	: City Per Dlem Rate (\$60 per day x 16 Days x two employees x two trips)	<u>3,840</u>

Total: \$18,000

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lieutenant Richard Smith, Hazardous Devices & Materials Section, at (323) 342-4200.