

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of funding for the purchase of diving equipment for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Special Weapons and Tactics, Tactical Waterborne Unit.

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the donation of diving equipment valued at \$ 71,282.17, from the Los Angeles Police Foundation for the benefit of the LAPD Special Weapons and Tactics, Tactical Waterborne Unit, and THANK the donor for this generous donation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated July 28, 2015, attached to the Council file, the LAPD recommends that the Board approve the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of funding for the purchase of diving equipment for the LAPD Special Weapons and Tactics, Tactical Waterborne Unit. The LAPD reports that the donation will provide the Tactical Waterborne Unit (TWB) with new equipment. The TWB is solely responsible for conducting tactical operations in the Port of Los Angeles, coastline bordering the City of Los Angeles, as well as other large bodies of water. The new equipment consists of 15 Aqualung Compact Oxygen Diving Equipment that provides TWB divers with additional options for underwater radiation/nuclear detection, as well as the deployment of tracking devices on potential narcotics or human trafficking vessels. The donation also consists of dry suits that are versatile with interchangeable parts that allow easy fixes in the field. Additionally, the TWB will receive a new communication system that is more powerful, has multiple channels, works better when submerged underwater, and is compatible with other agencies. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee recommended that Council approve the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of funding for the purchase of diving equipment for the LAPD Special Weapons and Tactics, Tactical Waterborne Unit, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE
ENGLANDER: YES

BUSCAINO: YES
BONIN: YES
O'FARRELL: YES
MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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