

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the non-monetary donation of an underwater sonar system valued at \$51,160 for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Metropolitan Division's Underwater Dive Unit.

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the in-kind donation of an underwater sonar system for the LAPD, Metropolitan Division's Underwater Dive Unit in the value of \$50,000; and, THANK the donor for their generous donation.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 8, 2020, your Committee considered an October 28, 2020 Board report relative to the non-monetary donation of an underwater sonar system valued at \$51,160 for the LAPD, Metropolitan Division's Underwater Dive Unit. According to the Board, the purchase of an Aqualung MODE. system for Metropolitan Division's Underwater Dive Unit is partially funded by the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the awarded amount of \$171,142. To partially satisfy the 25 percent match requirement for the grant, the Los Angeles Police Foundation (LAPF) is donating \$51,160 from its general funds to cover the remaining cost of the MODE system. The LAPF did not solicit funding specifically for this purchase. The MODE system enables the deployment of SWAT divers for covert surveillance and intelligence gathering, covert deployment of SWAT operators within the port complex, deployment of tracking devices on vessels, and clandestine diving. Purchase of this new equipment will modernize the traditional stationary SONAR technology currently being utilized by the UDU and dramatically enhance efficiency and mission readiness. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of accepting the donation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

RYU: YES  
LEE: ABSENT

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