

DATE: February 7, 2006

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Police Department

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 7735 - AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AB3229
CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) STATE
FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TWO FULL-
TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The State of California first enacted the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program under Assembly Bill (AB) 3229, in fiscal year 1996/97 by including \$100,000-\$115,000 per year for the past five years. The Governor has signed an extension of this program through 2006 within the State Budget.

Cities are required to appropriate Citizen's Option for Public Safety revenues to fund "front-line" municipal services. "Front-line" police services include anti-gang and community crime prevention programs. These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to a request from the Police Chief or the Chief Administrator of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the respective city. The request for use of this funding shall specify the front-line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel, equipment, and programs that are necessary to meet those needs.

POLICY / RULE

The Citizen's Option for Public Safety program is an on-going state program, but it requires a separate budget appropriation for continued funding. The funds must be used to supplement and not supplant existing local funding for law enforcement services.

The City Council is required to hold a public hearing each year to consider the request of the Police Chief for the use of these state funds. The City Council must consider this request separate and apart from the proposed allocations from the City's General Fund.

ANALYSIS

These funds cannot be used for administrative overhead allocations in excess of 0.5 percent. Nor can the allocation be used to fund the costs of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support front-line law enforcement services.

The Police Chief requests that the AB3229 Citizen's Option for Public Safety state funds be used to continue to support the two permanent police officer positions that were formerly reserve officer positions.

These positions were changed in February 1999 from reserve officers to full-time positions due to the furlough process for those reserve officers who have worked long enough to exceed the time allowed by the Public Employee Retirement System. The turnover disrupted the continuity of the patrol functions at the time the officers were reaching their peak productivity for the community. These positions have been used to meet the desired staffing ratios in the police department.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the funding provided by AB3229 to support these two positions was eliminated, the General Fund would take on this responsibility with an estimated additional cost of \$100,000. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office has received the AB3229 funds and is awaiting the City of Folsom's Authorizing Resolution to disburse the funds to the City.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution No. 7735 – A Resolution Authorizing the Use of AB3229 Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) State Funding in Accordance with the Request of the Chief of Police to Continue to Support Two Full-Time Police Officers.

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the public hearing on the use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety funding and adopt Resolution No. – A Resolution Authorizing the Use of AB3229 Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) State Funding in Accordance with the Request of the Chief of Police to Continue to Support Two Full-Time Police Officers.

Respectfully submitted,



Sam L. Spiegel, CHIEF OF POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 7735

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AB3229 CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) STATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TWO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program, under Assembly Bill (AB) 3229, to fund "front-line" municipal police services; and,

WHEREAS, the COPS funding available to the City of Folsom for fiscal year 2005/2006 is \$100,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 1999/2000, the Police Chief requested that the two supplemental reserve officers supported by the COPS funding be made permanent full-time positions; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has held the required public hearing to consider the request of the Chief of Police for the use of these state funds separate and apart from the proposed allocations from the City's General Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby authorizes the use of the AB3229, Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) state funding in accordance with the request of the Chief of Police to continue to support two full-time police officers

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2006, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Andrew J. Morin, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Schmidt, CITY CLERK