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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Powell and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** David N. Carmany, City Manager

**FROM:** Eve R. Irvine, Chief of Police

**DATE:** June 19, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of \$3,000 to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Using Police Asset Forfeiture Funds.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Chief of Police to allocate \$3,000 to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund using Police Asset Forfeiture Funds.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

Sufficient funds are available in the Police Department Asset Forfeiture Fund; there will be no impact to the General Fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

The National Law Enforcement Museum is a project located in Judicial Square in Washington D.C. that will serve as a memorial to law enforcement officers, as well as to tell the story of American law enforcement through exhibits, collections, research, and education.

Police Asset Forfeiture fund expenditures are limited to support of front-line law enforcement needs only. Under the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Equitable Sharing Program, state and local law enforcement agencies were given permission to allocate a limited portion of Asset Forfeiture monies to help support the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund for the purpose of helping to build the National Law Enforcement Museum. The Department of Justice determined that the museum would not only serve as a memorial to law enforcement officers, but also serve an important law enforcement educational purpose through programs and activities such as a clearinghouse and library for law enforcement research and information, exhibits on drug enforcement activities and law enforcement history, and as a recruitment tool for law enforcement. As such, the requested \$3,000 donation is permissible under the Federal guidelines.

As a tribute to Manhattan Beach's three fallen officers (Officer Martin Ganz, Officer Richard Giles, and Officer Charles Grau), the Police Department requests to further honor their legacy with this allocation to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.