

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>One-Time Specialized Training Bonus for Muscogee County Sheriff Sworn Officers</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m).
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Muscogee County Sheriff's Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m).

**Background:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m), the money collected from the school zone camera fines shall only be used to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives. The Sheriff is requesting to use up to \$25,000 of Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to provide a one-time bonus to sworn officers who are assigned to special units requiring specialized training essential to public safety, crime prevention and special operations in the Sheriff's Office. Employees perform these special duties and responsibilities in addition to their operational roles and have received specialty training and professional certifications to fulfill those responsibilities.

**Analysis:** Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds have been designated specifically to the Sheriff's Office. In addition, funding bonuses to law enforcement officers is not explicitly prohibited as funds must be used to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives.

**Financial Considerations:** Approximately \$297,000 in Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds are available to be used by the Sheriff of which up to \$25,000 may be used to fund the bonuses.

**Legal Considerations:** Council approval is required due to the potential impact on employee pension benefits.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve a resolution to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m).

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE UP TO \$25,000 IN ONE-TIME SPECIALIZED TRAINING BONUSES USING RED SPEED (PRIVATE SCHOOL ZONE CAMERA) FUNDS TO SWORN OFFICERS IN THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (M).**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m), the money collected from the school zone camera fines shall only be used to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff is requesting to use up to \$25,000 of Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to provide a one-time bonus to sworn officers who are assigned to special units requiring specialized training essential to public safety, crime prevention and special operations in the Sheriff’s Office. Employees perform these special duties and responsibilities in addition to their operational roles and have received specialty training and professional certifications to fulfill those responsibilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is approximately \$297,000 in Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds are available to be used by the Sheriff of which up to \$25,000 may be used to fund the bonuses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Anker voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Chambers voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.