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STAFF REPORT

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Council Meeting Date:	October 11, 2022
Agenda Title:	Resolution to Amend the FY 2023 Budget to receive \$4,000 in Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Funds (ICAC).
Requested Action:	Approve the resolution
Department / Agency Lead:	Michael Kochis, Chief of Police
Staff Lead:	Michael Kochis, Chief of Police

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2040, Warrenton Comprehensive Plan identified the need to Incorporate security measures designed to be unobtrusive but affording protection for citizens and users alike. Participating in the ICAC Task Force allows the Police to operate in a covert capacity in a way that protect the most vulnerable within our community. Furthermore, partnering with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office and other stakeholders, such as the Virginia State Police allow the Warrenton Police Department to be more effective, thus meeting the 2040 Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) is overseen by the Virginia State Police and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). DCJS provides annual funds to participant agencies to purchase equipment, attend training, and supplement overtime related to ICAC investigations.

ICAC has approved the Warrenton Police Department to receive \$4,000 in reimbursable funds for FY 2023 and does not require matching funds.

BACKGROUND

The Warrenton Police Department currently has one Detective assigned to the Virginia State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The Police Department has been a member of the ICAC Task Force since 2008 and conducts numerous ICAC investigations annually.

The assigned Detective investigates child predators using several investigative techniques, particularly in internet investigations. Historically, these funds have been used for software, hardware, and training associated with these investigations.

Staff Recommendation

To approve the budget amendment

Service Level / Policy Impact

These funds will allow the police department to enhance the investigative capability of the assigned detective by providing resources such as training, software, hardware, and overtime.

Furthermore, they will assist with investigations involving the exploitation of children within the Town of Warrenton and the subsequent prosecution thereof.

Fiscal Impact

The addition of \$4,000 of reimbursable funds to the FY 2023 budget.

Legal Impact

The Town Council will need to amend the adopted FY 2023 General Fund budget to accept and appropriate these funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution amending the FY 2023 budget
2. Letter from the Virginia State Police
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