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**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Law Enforcement Trust Fund Contribution for Project Graduation 2008

**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff's Office

**DIVISION:**

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Sharon Peters, Sabrina O'Bryan    **CONTACT:** Penny Fleming    **EXT:** 6617

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners to contribute \$12,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to provide funds for "Project Graduation" to Seminole County high schools.

County-wide

Penny Fleming

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting \$12,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to provide funds for an alcohol and drug free celebration for Seminole County high schools on graduation night.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office strongly supports the expenditure of these funds as an alternative to irresponsible and reckless behavior on graduation night. "Project Graduation" is a collective effort involving concerned parents, students, faculty, and law enforcement to ensure a safe environment for our graduating seniors as they celebrate their completion of high school. Through the efforts of those involved, "Project Graduation" is offered to high school seniors as a means to prevent tragic events relating to drunk driving and drug abuse. Each student who attends "Project Graduation" agrees to arrive and remain substance free throughout the celebration.

The following six high schools have requested funds for 2008: Lyman High School, Winter Springs High School, Oviedo High School, Lake Mary High School, Seminole High School and Crooms Academy High School. The Sheriff's Office would contribute \$2,000 to each school to partially offset their expected expenditures.

This request complies with Chapter 932.7055(4)(a), Florida State Statutes. The State/Local Forfeiture Fund Cash Balance prior to this commitment is \$24,752.51.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Sheriff's Office recommends approval by the Board of County Commissioners to contribute \$12,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to provide funds for "Project Graduation" to Seminole County high schools.

**Additionally Reviewed By:**

Budget Review ( Ben Crawford, Lisa Spriggs )