

**City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2012

FROM: John M. Hunt, III, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: **CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS)**

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, accept \$36,017.88 Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding and appropriate \$32,416.09 (90%) to the police department's overtime account and \$3,601.79 (10%) to the police department's equipment account. This appropriation will raise the COPS equipment account balance to \$147,459.36 and the overtime account balance to \$79,282.85.

BACKGROUND:

On January 24, 2012, the City of Piedmont received aforementioned COPS funding from the State of California. Funds from this program are to supplement existing police services and equipment.

The larger portion of these funds will be placed into the police department's general overtime account. The funds are specifically managed and audited to ensure proper usage: i.e., for community awareness programs, to schedule additional patrol addressing specific reporting districts experiencing a particular problem or an increase in crime. These funds are not utilized to supplement annual budget items such as overtime created by routine personnel shortages. The remainder of the funds will be placed in an equipment account to purchase items not covered in the police department's budget.