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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Bradford R. Fenocchio
Date: March 16, 2010
Subject: Recommendation to Purchase Four Breathalyzer Machines

ACTION REQUESTED

Your approval is requested to purchase four Draeger Alcotest 9510 Breathalyzer Machines for Placer County. Your approval is also requested to transfer asset forfeiture trust funds to purchase the equipment in the amount of \$38,011 and to modify the Master Fixed Asset List, with the attached budget revision.

BACKGROUND

In 1992, we purchased three Intoxilyzer 5000 electronic breath testing (EBT) machines to determine the alcohol content in breath samples. We have been using these machines for a significant period of time. Many other jurisdictions that have also used the Intoxilyzer 5000 for this purpose have changed to new, more modern equipment. As a result, there is only one company with the expertise to perform the mandatory accuracy checks and maintenance on these devices.

Many other counties in California have switched to the Draeger Alcotest units. This is a combination infrared/chemical fuel cell analysis device (the Intoxilyzer is only infrared), which tests a breath sample with both systems, comparing the results for accuracy. It can be purchased with a dry gas test canister, which allows for automatic accuracy checking. This eliminates the need for costly manual testing with a liquid vapor solution with a dry gas test canister, which allows for automatic accuracy checking. The Draeger Alcotest 9510 adds the following reporting options:

- 1. Prints out results on a strip of paper.
- 2. Electronically report the results by means of email or fax.

This would mesh nicely with our plans to implement SIRE program, which electronically exchanges police reports and other data between the law enforcement agencies, the DA's office, and court system.

The Draeger 9510 would reduce maintenance costs, allow more competition in the maintenance bidding process, and expand the reporting capabilities to comply with our future technology plans. We are requesting to purchase a fourth Draeger 9510 to use as a portable device for DUI checkpoints and for a replacement when the other units are down for any necessary maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT

The DA Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund will pay for this purchase with no additional impact to General Fund.

Attachments: Budget Revision; Additions to the Master Fixed Asset List

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ADDITIONS TO THE MASTER FIXED ASSET LIST

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APPROPRIATION 21710

4 -	Alcotest 9510 System \$9,502.63 each	\$38,011
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	Total Fixed Asset Additions	\$ 38,011
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