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**To:** The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal  
**Date:** January 11, 2011  
**Subject:** Firearms Training

**Action Requested**

It is recommended that your Board authorize the Placer County Sheriff's Office to send four Special Enforcement Team (SET) members to a specialized firearm train-the-trainer course in Visalia California. The dates of this training are February 13, 2011 through February 18, 2011 (February 12, 2011 is the travel day). The total cost for all four SET members to attend this training is \$5,577, and is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Travel & Training Budget.

**Background**

SET is a small group of highly trained, specially equipped Deputies introduced into crisis situations to safely and efficiently resolve them. The mission of the SET unit varies from high risk search warrants, hostage situations, barricaded suspects, dignitary protection, crowd and riot control, terrorist group actions, and assisting county narcotics teams. In addition SET assists patrol and investigations with crisis situations. The SET unit is currently staffed with only two instructors. This training will increase our training staff's capacity to meet the needs of the department. This course includes a special weapons instructor certification which is required by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) for firearm qualifications. We have minimized our travel and lodging costs by having the members carpool and share lodging. Shift adjustments will be utilized to alleviate any overtime costs.

**Fiscal Impact**

This training will meet POST requirements for firearm instructors. The estimated training costs are \$5,577. The funds are available in the Sheriff's SET budget.

