



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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Pat McCrory, Governor

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July 29, 2015

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The Honorable Phil Berger  
President Pro-Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
Legislative Building, Room 2007  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
State Legislative Building, Room 2304  
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Moore:

Pursuant to Section 16B.1 of the 2013 Appropriations Act, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. With the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, the Highway Patrol has been able to provide lifesaving equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its core mission—to ensure safe and efficient transportation on our streets and highways throughout North Carolina.

This correspondence reports the Highway Patrol's intent to use \$178,000.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the purchases listed below. As of June 30, 2015 the fund balance for the Highway Patrol's two forfeiture accounts, (2420 and 2425), was \$658,598.61. If this request is approved, the new balance of our forfeiture account revenue will equal \$480,598.61. If you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 825-2721.

Sincerely,

Gregory K. Baker  
Commissioner  
Law Enforcement

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cc: Colonel William J. Grey  
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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
1. Use \$50,000.00 to offset training and travel costs associated with specialized training and leadership conferences for sworn members during FY 2015-2016.	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
2. Use \$78,000.00 asset forfeiture funds to purchase equipment for operational readiness of specialized response team	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
3. Use \$50,000 to fund Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program. This will allow the Patrol to invest in its employees by reimbursing tuition for classes taken to enhance the performance of their official duties.	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$178,000.00</b>