

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 6, 2018

Date Submitted: February 20, 2018

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Dee Jackson, Interim County Administrator
Morris A. Young, Sheriff
Francis Flores, Investigator

Subject: Sheriff's Deputy Training Request – Florida SWAT Association
2018 Basic Sniper Course

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks funding from the Gadsden County Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) to pay training, boarding, and per diem costs for one Gadsden County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Deputy Investigator to attend the upcoming Florida SWAT Association (FSA) Basic Sniper Course occurring March 5-9, 2018 in Orange County.

This training is to provide the GCSO Special Response Team (SRT) with a trained and certified sniper/observer.

Background:

Currently, the SRT Organization Chart identifies a sniper/observer position, although no SRT members are certified. Inv. Flores has been assigned to the SRT sniper/observer position and requires the certification training.

The benefits of a sniper/observer include: 1) SRT will have greatly enhanced intelligence, tactical, and force capabilities to protect the public and deputies; 2) sniper/observer knowledge/skills/abilities can serve many non-SRT functions of GCSO; and 3) knowledge/skills/abilities gained from courses will be transferred to GCSO deputies through in-house training.

Analysis:

Investigator Flores' chain-of-command has determined that the requested training will provide the sniper/observer with training and qualifications that best serves the operational needs of the SRT, based on: 1) FSA's reputation as premiere law enforcement

tactical training resource; 2) FSA's training cadre is composed of Florida law enforcement officers who work with Florida Statutes, Florida Department of Law Enforcement certifications, and various Florida law enforcement agency policies; and 3) FSA membership provides access to a network of Florida tactical law enforcement personnel that can directly support or advise training beyond the attended courses.

The products resulting from this training are: SRT will be staffed with a certified sniper/observer; SRT will have increased intelligence, tactical, and force capabilities to better protect the public and deputies; sniper/observer skills can serve many non-SRT functions of GCSO; and knowledge and skills gained from course attendance will be transferred to GCSO law enforcement through in-house training.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact is \$2,182.65. This includes:

- course - \$400.00
- hotel - \$966.95
- per diem - \$216.00
- required ammunition cost - \$599.70

Options:

1. Approve the training and the associated travel cost.
2. Do not approve.
3. Board direction.

Interim County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1

Attachment(s):

Training Request Packet which includes Course Description and other related information

Florida SWAT Association Training Calendar Excerpts of Basic Sniper Course

FSA Basic Sniper Course 2018



Monday, March 5, 2018 8:00 AM Eastern (ET) - Friday, March 9, 2018 5:00 PM Eastern (ET)

Orange County, FL

Cost \$400

You **must** be a member of FSA before signing up for this course.

Through classroom discussion and live fire exercises this course is designed to prepare members to assume the duties as a SWAT team sniper. Topics covered include precision rifle shooting fundamentals, cold bore theory, facial recognition exercises, distance shooting, positional shooting, intelligence gathering skills, MIL/MOA ranging, camouflage, stalking, hide construction, stress shooting and equipment selection; among other topics.

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Basic Sniper Course “more information”

Training Calendar

The class is limited to 20 students and the cost is \$400. Students must be considered on duty and covered by their home agency during the course.

Equipment needed

Optically sighted sniper rifle, full sniper operational equipment, ballistic vest (if you wear it on operations), gas mask, ghillie suit bonie hat, match grade rifle ammo, rifle log book, note pad and pen, wet weather gear, eye and ear protection, rifle cleaning equip, range finder, camel bak or similar hydration system, water, energy snacks.

Ammunition-must be match grade, 500 rounds minimum

A sniper rifle is one that is of such construction, quality and design to ensure a consistent point of aim/point of impact :.223 , .308 or appropriate caliber

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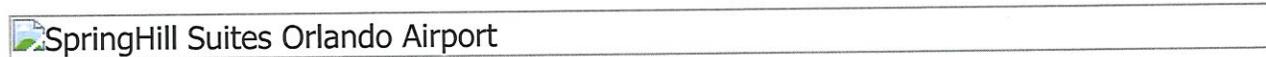
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CHECK-OUT TIME 12:00 PM

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NUMBER OF ROOMS	1
GUESTS PER ROOM	1 Adult
GUARANTEED METHOD	Credit Card Guarantee, Master Card

Summary of Charges

RATES, TAXES & FEES ARE PER ROOM, PER NIGHT (USD)

Sunday, March 4, 2018-Monday, March 5, 2018	1 night	120.60 USD
Long Term Stay rate, see Rate details		
Monday, March 5, 2018-Tuesday, March 6, 2018	1 night	165.60 USD
Long Term Stay rate, see Rate details		

Tuesday, March 6, 2018-Wednesday, March 7, 2018	1 night	197.10 USD
Long Term Stay rate, see Rate details		
Wednesday, March 7, 2018-Thursday, March 8, 2018	1 night	201.60 USD
Long Term Stay rate, see Rate details		
Thursday, March 8, 2018-Friday, March 9, 2018	1 night	174.60 USD
Long Term Stay rate, see Rate details		
ESTIMATED GOVERNMENT TAXES & FEES		21.49 USD
Total for stay (for all rooms)		966.95 USD

Other Charges

- Off-site parking, fee: 7.99 USD daily
- Complimentary on-site parking
- RV parking available off site

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Rate Details and Cancellation Policy

• You may cancel your reservation for no charge until Friday, March 2, 2018 (2 day[s] before arrival).

- Please note that we will assess a fee of 135.68 USD if you must cancel after this deadline.
- Your current rate may be available if your modified reservation still includes: A stay of 5 night(s) or more.

• Please note that a change in the length or dates of your reservation may result in a rate change.

RATE GUARANTEE LIMITATION(S)

- Changes in taxes or fees implemented after booking will affect the total room price.

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QUOTATION

Date	FL Bullet Rep	Number
2/20/2018		2738

Name / Address
Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Attn: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PO BOX 1709 Quincy, FL 32353-1709

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Total
GM308M	Federal Duty 308 WIN 168 Gr. BTHP MATCH Per 200 >>>>>PRICE INCLUDES STANDARD DELIVERY<<<<<	3	199.90	599.70
			Total	\$599.70