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Decision title

Purchase of advanced first aid equipment for 20 Hampshire Joint Operations Unit (JOU) Dog Section vehicles

Executive summary

The level of First Aid training provided to Police Dog Handlers within the JOU has recently been uplifted to an advanced level, matching that of our firearms colleagues.

This funding request seeks to allow for the purchase of advanced First Aid Equipment to be provided for each of the 20 Hampshire JOU Dog Section vehicles, in order to compliment this increase in training. The £22,302 requested will allow for the purchase of defibrillators, airways management tools (Including OPAs, NPAs, I-Gels, Bag-valve-Mask and catheter mount) as well as First Aid bags.

This equipment will allow Police Dog Handlers to provide lifesaving First Aid in the vital moments following illness, injury or assault. This aligns with the current Police and Crime Plan priorities to support victims and the most vulnerable (including victims of knife crime and violent offences as well as domestic assaults. In addition, Dog Handlers are routinely used to search for High Risk missing persons). The Police and Crime Plan priority to strengthen partnerships can be assisted by enabling Police Dog Handlers to support the work of South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) and ensure that patients can be stabilised or provide with circulatory and airway support prior to arrival of medical professionals. Furthermore the support of the Plan's aim for effective and efficient operational policing can be met by enabling Police Dog Handlers to utilise the advanced First Aid training with which they have been provided in support of operational front line Policing and in response to serious incidents such as terrorism or other mass casualty occurrences.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Hampshire Constabulary fund **£22,302** to the JOU Dog Section to allow for the purchase of advanced First Aid equipment for all 20 Hampshire JOU Dog Section vehicles. The PCC agrees that, if at year end funding the above sum would cause the Constabulary

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to have a budget deficit, that the £22,302 sum would be funded from the general fund reserve.

Statement on publication

This Decision Record is suitable for publication. The supporting Decision Request documentation contains sensitive/confidential information and is therefore unsuitable for publication.

Police and Crime Commissioner approval

I hereby **approve** the recommendation above.

Signature:



Name:

Donna Jones

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

Date:

21-Jul-21