



Legislation Text

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Motion to Accept the Donation of Equipment Valued at \$21,750.00 from the National Computer Forensic Institute to the City for Use by the Hampton Police Division's Investigative Services Branch

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The National Computer Forensic Institute ("NCFI") is a federally funded training center dedicated to instructing state and local officials in digital evidence and cybercrime investigations. The NCFI was opened in 2008 with a mandate to provide state and local law enforcement, legal and judicial professionals a free, comprehensive education on current cybercrime trends, investigative methods, and prosecutorial challenges. Run by the United States Secret Service's Criminal Investigative Division and the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services, the training model is based upon the Secret Service's successful cybercrime investigative strategy, which relies on partnering with and sharing information between academia, private industry, and law enforcement / legal communities to combat the ever evolving threat of cybercrime. The curriculum reflects current trends in the field and addresses potential technological obstacles as they are encountered in active investigations. In August of this year, Hampton Police Division Master Forensic Specialist Amy Crouch attended Mobile Device Examiner training at NCFI at no cost to the City. At the conclusion of the training program, Ms. Crouch received from the NCFI all of the hardware, software, and licenses necessary to conduct mobile device examinations. The total value of that equipment and software is approximately \$21,750.00. Pursuant to Hampton City Code Section 2-134(a), gifts to the City of real property and tangible personal property valued at \$5,000.00 or more shall be approved by Council, by a motion duly recorded in the Council minutes, before such gifts shall be deemed accepted by the City.

Discussion:

See background statement.

Impact:

\$21,750.00

Recommendation:

Approval of the donation by motion