

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 28: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Public Safety Memorial Fund

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Steiner Hayward

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$429,930 for the Public Safety Memorial Fund.

The Public Safety Memorial Fund, supported with Criminal Fine Account monies, was established in 1999 to provide financial assistance to public safety officers who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of a line of duty injury and to family members of public safety officers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty.

The current budget for the Fund is \$291,525 Other Funds; however, the Department has already expended 80% of the budget due to an unprecedented nine qualifying deaths and insurance benefits payments in the current biennium. DPSST reports that there are currently three more qualifying deaths the Board is reviewing along with five applicants for benefits. The Fund has available cash balance but needs additional expenditure limitation in order to meet its statutory requirements for financial assistance.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.