SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 24: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Course Training

To: Emergency Board Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Smith

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$1,280,000 for two additional Basic Police courses.

The Basic Police Course provided by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is required for newly hired city, county, tribal, university, and state law enforcement officers. The current 2021-23 budget provides funding for 16 Basic Police courses offered throughout the biennium. However, in 2022, there has been more demand due to increased hiring among local law enforcement agencies. As a result, the Department added two additional classes approved by the Emergency Board in September and is requesting the addition of two more classes to bring the biennial total to 20 classes.

The cost of the Basic Police course is around \$640,000 per class for meals, lodging, ammunition, and instruction for 40 students over 16 weeks. Funding for the courses comes from the Criminal Fines Account and the Department reports there is sufficient cash balance available to fund the added courses without an additional CFA allocation.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.