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# Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor Joines, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director  
**DATE:** August 12, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Forfeiture Funds  
**CC:** Lee Garrity, City Manager  
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During the August 10, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting, staff was asked to provide information on the Winston-Salem Police Department proposed use of forfeiture funds on equipment.

The Police Department receives federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Treasury and state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor.

These funds can be used for a variety of law enforcement functions, including officer training, K-9 unit expenses and supplies, police equipment, youth programs, and informant expenses. Funds cannot be used on officer salaries and shall not be used to replace or supplant appropriated resources.

The Winston-Salem Police Department proposes to use a portion of the forfeiture funds on the following equipment:

- Three-dimensional laser scanner for enhanced crime scene documentation
- Cost of data storage
- Surveillance cameras used in investigations
- Protective gear such as bomb suits for the Special Operations Division
- Traffic alert signs that display the speed at which a driver is driving
- Crime analysis software