



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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To: Board of County Commissioners (through the chain of command)

From: Sergeant Jason Bates

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Ref: Utilization of Asset Forfeiture funds

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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office is seeking approval to use Asset Forfeiture funds that derived from drug investigations to attend S.H.O.T. Show 2026.

This trade and training event is the largest gathering of its kind with hundreds of equipment manufacturers that specialize in law enforcement needs. The show also includes a Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) that runs onsite. This program offers targeted training led by law enforcement experts. Sessions address critical topics such as tactical strategies, officer safety techniques, emerging threats and successful solutions other agencies are implementing.

There are also procurement opportunities including hands-on evaluation of duty gear, body armor, firearms, less-lethal tools, communications systems and more — ideal for replacing or upgrading outdated equipment. Of particular note, Glock Inc. has announced it will discontinue production of current Gen5 handguns, which are currently issued to KCSO Sworn Personnel. The new design does not have the time proven history of reliability Glock is known for. Having Glock Inc representative on site to explain/demo changes made to this current KCSO equipment could dramatically influence future duty handgun purchasing.

This training directly relates to the needs of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office. This request would allow two members of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office to attend this training, lowering costs such as hotel room, car rental, parking, etc. Both members funded by this request are either KCSO/CDAPD Joint Agency SWAT or Firearms Training Unit members, allowing for the training and experience gained to easily be shared within KCSO training events.

The total cost to send two Deputies is \$3,600 approximately.

We are proposing the use of KCSO Federal Drug Forfeiture Funds from account 158.6.605.3.652. The balance in this account is approximately \$83,000.

Thank you for your consideration.