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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

## ACTION REQUESTED:
Approve the use of $7500 from the SECA fund balance to purchase water barriers for use at Special Events.

## DEPARTMENT:    Police Department

## SUBMITTED BY:    Deputy Chief Jason Arres

## BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:
N/A

## BACKGROUND:
The City of Naperville currently hosts more than 50 annual special events.  Large public gatherings have become focal points for numerous groups to present their ideas to the general public. Unfortunately, large events have been targeted worldwide to carry out attacks.

## DISCUSSION:
While we have been fortunate to avoid any major incidents at our events, the City's Special Events Team works diligently to implement security plans that deter/mitigate any potential threats.

One of the most common techniques for mass casualty incidents are vehicle ramming attacks. Vehicle ramming attacks involve a perpetrator deliberately aiming a motor vehicle at a target with the intent to inflict serious/fatal injuries or significant property damage by striking with massive force. According to the Department of Homeland Security, vehicle ramming attacks are considered unsophisticated because they can be carried out with minimal planning or training.

In response to the proliferation of these incidents, public safety has employed a number of methods, including safety barricades, to fortify event ingress and egress.  These barricades are filled with water and provide fortification on streets should a vehicle attempt to drive into the event.

Currently, 30 safety barricades are available for deployment at events.  Given the size of events, as well the concurrent scheduling of several events, public safety is recommending the purchase of 30 additional barricades from the SECA fund balance.

## FISCAL IMPACT:
The fund balance reported in the FY2016 audit was $890,120. After encumbered amounts are disbursed, there will be sufficient funds remaining to cover the $7,500 request to purchase 30 additional safety barriers.