



ST. PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT



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### **Forfeiture Fund Check Presentation Ceremony**

At 10 a.m., Friday, January 12, at the Sunshine Center Auditorium, 330 5th Street North, Chief of Police Anthony Holloway will present a total of \$110,400 in checks to more than 50 community-based programs that seek to improve neighborhood safety, promote crime prevention and drug abuse prevention. This is a 29% increase over last year's distribution of \$85,700.

Please see attached list of recipients.

The asset forfeiture funds come from the seizure of money/assets involved in criminal activity. It is administered by the St. Petersburg Police Department Legal Division, under the supervision of General Counsel Sasha Lohn.

The Chief especially was interested in assisting programs promoting positive behavior for children and teens. The money will go to a wide variety of community programs that need help paying for items from basketballs and fishing poles, to art supplies and bicycle locks.