



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # C-2 DATE 6/23/11
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 6/23/11
Agenda Item #: C.2
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 6/15/11

Agenda Title: **Unclaimed Property Sale/Auction**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>Next Available</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>NA</u>
Department:	<u>Sheriff's Office</u>	Division:	<u>Business Services</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Lee Gosson / Wanda Yantis (ex.84455)</u>		
Phone:	<u>503-251-2501</u>	Ext.:	<u></u>
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>Consent Calendar</u>		
I/O Address:	<u>313/118/Payne</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

To comply with Multnomah County Code 15.650, the Sheriff's Office is requesting this list of property be disposed of as provided for within the listed Ordinance.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

This is a standard firearms disposal. Firearms are from the MCSO Evidence Room. All of these firearms have been in the Sheriff's possession for over 90 days. The firearms consist of handguns, long rifles, shotguns, automatic rifles, pellet and BB guns, totaling 197 weapons. These firearms are from closed cases (mostly drug seizures), firearms turned-in by owners for disposal, or recovered stolen firearms in which we were unable to find an owner. In addition, 98 of the 197 firearms have been identified for transfer to Oregon State Police Crime Lab for training, analysis comparison and scientific testing/treating. These firearms will not be used for use other than identified and will be destroyed or returned for destruction upon completion.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This action has no fiscal impact.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None.

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5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

None.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

Date: 6-15-11

Sheriff Dan Staton



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MEMORANDUM

TO: LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

FROM: SHERIFF DANIEL STATON

DATE: JUNE 14, 2011

RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREARM DISPOSAL

Through the course of Law Enforcement services (investigations, calls for service, etc.) our deputies routinely take firearms into their possession. The Sheriff's Office uses due diligence in attempting to locate rightful owners of the firearms at the conclusion of the investigations or judicial process. After 30 days, Multnomah County Code 15.650 provides for the Sheriff to seek authorization from the Board to dispose of unclaimed property through transference to Multnomah County for County use, selling the unclaimed property or disposal through destruction.

All of the firearms in the attached list 11-03 have been in the Sheriff's possession for over 90 days. The firearms consist of handguns, long rifles, shotguns, pellet and BB guns, totaling 197 weapons. These weapons are from adjudicated cases, closed investigations, firearms turned over for by citizens for disposal, and firearms transferred from the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office. All of which we were unable to identify an owner, or the citizen released interest in the firearm to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has identified a Multnomah County law enforcement need for 98 of these weapons to be transferred to the Oregon State Police Forensics Laboratory, Firearms Section. This section of the Oregon State Police is the only laboratory that analyzes firearms for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies within the County of Multnomah. Forensic Examiners have identified these firearms as needed exhibits in the forensic processing of firearms. The ability to have a sample make, model, and caliber of a suspect weapon allows the forensic examiner the ability to manipulate a true replica, prior to handling the actual firearm evidence. The firearms are also used for training and forensic research. Please reference the attached informational letter from the Director of the Oregon State Police Crime Laboratory.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Property Evidence Control Unit and Inspections Unit have created the attached list, detailing which weapons will be transferred to the Oregon State Police Forensics Laboratory and which will be destroyed, upon the Board's approval.

I believe this to be an appropriate disposition for the identified firearms. I look forward to the Boards approval for destroying the remainder of firearms in the attached list.



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Date: June 9, 2011

To: Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

Weapons Donated to Oregon State Police Firearms Reference Collection

The Portland Metro Forensic Laboratory in Clackamas is one of the laboratories in the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division which maintains a firearms reference collection for the purposes of training, education, assistance with casework, and forensic research. These firearms are used for training police officers, detectives, attorneys, and forensic services staff statewide. This training may include identification, function, design, safety, test-firing, bullet and cartridge case comparisons, disassembly/assembly, and serial number location and restoration.

The firearms from the Oregon State Police Firearms Reference Collection are used for training at the Oregon Regional Forensic Academy. These firearms are used to create mock crime scenes for the purpose of proper documentation and photography of firearms evidence at a scene. These firearms are also used to teach officers and other first responders to recognize different types and features of firearms for the purpose of properly unloading and rendering the firearm safe for transport to the agency's property room or to the forensic lab for analysis.

Within the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division new analysts are trained to do basic firearms examination. This training involves the examination of all types of firearms ranging from semiautomatic pistols, revolvers, shotguns, and machine guns. These examinations can involve using reference firearms as a source for broken or missing parts for inoperable evidence firearms that need to be test fired for microscopic bullet or cartridge case comparison. Firearms are often altered or converted to shoot fully automatic. Reference firearms are used to identify internal parts that have been altered or replaced to convert a semiautomatic firearm to a machine gun. In cases where evidence firearms have had serial numbers or other identifying marks obliterated, the reference firearms are used to determine the serial number location, structure, and fonts when only partial numbers are restored.

Firearms from the OSP Reference Collection have been used to assist various investigating police agencies and district attorneys with firearms or pictures of firearms to be shown to witnesses for identification purposes. These firearms have been used in federal court to demonstrate to the jury how firearms function and in local district court to demonstrate the disassembly and reassembly of certain models.

Firearms in the OSP Reference Collection are maintained in a locked room within the alarm monitored Firearms Lab area at the OSP Lab in Clackamas. The firearms reference collection is only accessible to the firearms examiners in the unit and the Forensic Laboratory supervisors.

Firearms are released to the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division per ORS 166.279. The firearms obtained for the reference collection are done so for the purpose of training and education of law enforcement personnel, assistance with criminal related casework, and research to further enhance the Forensic Firearms Discipline. These firearms will be maintained within the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division. If a firearm is deemed no longer useful to the Forensic Services Division it will be destroyed. If there are further questions regarding firearm donation, please contact a Firearms Representative of the Oregon State Police Clackamas Forensic Laboratory at (971) 673-8230.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Barnes', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas Barnes, Laboratory Director
Oregon State Police, Portland Metro Forensic Laboratory