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District Attorney Lynne Abraham Presents \$1200 Check to 7th District PDAC

District Attorney Lynne Abraham will present a \$1,200 check to assist the 7th Police District Advisory Council's (PDAC) anti-drug effort on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:30pm. Michael Myers, president of the 7th DAC, will accept this check at the organization's monthly meeting held at the Rhawnhurst Caterers, 2019 Rhawn St.

This money will be used for the purchase of handgrip exercise/massagers, ice scrapers, mirage boards, and nylon wallets. Each item will be silk screened with the organization's logo and anti-drug messages.

The items will be distributed in the 7th district to reinforce law enforcement's commitment to the community in fighting the illegal drug trade. These items, as well as hats, jackets and other items are worn and carried as a show of strength and unity among the hundreds of citizens in the 7th district who VOLUNTEER their time in neighborhood Town Watch groups and the 7th PDAC to keep their neighborhoods safe.

Forfeiture money is made available from the District Attorney's Office Drug Forfeiture Account, which is funded by drug forfeiture prosecution. The District Attorney's Office uses seized money and proceeds from the sale of seized property used in illegal drug activity to fund the Drug Forfeiture Account. Such monies must be used in accordance with the Federal Controlled Substance Forfeiture Act, which requires that forfeiture funds be used for enforcement of the Drug Act. To insure that this mandate is upheld, the District Attorney's Office has instituted a formalized application and review process. The 7th PDAC has satisfied all requirements for funding approval.

The presentation of this check exemplifies taking the profit out of drug dealing and putting it in the hands of those fighting to save neighborhoods and lives. The 7th PDAC has been effectively serving the citizens of Northeast Philadelphia since 1987 and has been a partner in the District Attorney's Office battle against drugs.

Groups wishing to request information about the District Attorney's Forfeiture Fund to assist anti-drug efforts in their neighborhoods can call the District Attorney's Office at 215-686-8715.