



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mac Tristan, Chief of Police

Date: February 1, 2017

Reference: Consider approving the purchase of fifteen replacement in-car camera systems for the Police Department Patrol fleet, in the amount of \$105,444.50 from L-3 Mobile Vision, as budgeted, and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

2030: Coppel 2030, Healthy Neighborhoods

Introduction:

Funds were allocated in FY 2016-17 from the Crime Control District to replace the Police Department's existing Patrol fleet with new vehicles and equipment. One of the items that need to be replaced are the in-car camera systems, some of which were purchased back in 2009. We currently purchase all our in-car camera systems from L-3 Mobile Vision, who is a sole source vendor. In addition to providing us with in-car camera systems, L-3 Mobile Vision also provides us with all our body worn cameras and maintains our Digital Evidence server. Only L-3 in-car camera systems will integrate with our existing infrastructure. In-car camera systems have become a crucial part of law enforcement, not only capturing video evidence of crimes, but also in helping reduce complaints on officers.

Analysis:

In-car camera systems have become a crucial part of law enforcement helping to capture video evidence of crimes for court. In addition to the legal aspect, in-car cameras have also helped to reduce complaints on officers and served as a training tool for what officers can do better. As many of the existing camera systems have been in place since 2009, they are no longer under warranty and are in need of replacement. Consequences of not funding this purchase could lead to existing systems failing to capture video evidence. Since it is a requirement for officers to drive vehicles with in-car camera systems, it could also lead to new vehicles not being driven due to their camera systems being down for repair.

Legal Review:

Agenda item does not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this Agenda item is \$105,444.50 from the Crime Control District.

Recommendation:

The Police Department recommends approval.