



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mac Tristan, Chief of Police

Date: March 16, 2017

Reference: Consider approving the purchase of fifteen replacement Noptic thermal cameras for the Police Department Patrol Fleet, in the amount of \$55,650.00 from Decatur Electronics utilizing contract pricing through Buyboard No. 432-13, as budgeted from the Crime Control District, and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

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Background:

This purchase is in conjunction with the Police Department's 2016-2017 fleet replacement. The vehicles for our new police fleet have been ordered and the items requested in this memorandum will replace the existing equipment in our Patrol fleet.

General Information:

- Equipment to be replaced have reached the end of their service life for a Patrol Vehicle.
- Funding is included in the FY 2016-17 for these purchases from Crime Control District.
- Contract pricing obtained through Buyboard cooperative purchasing program
- Buyboard Contract No. 432-13

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 Noptic Thermal Cameras, some of which were purchased back in 2009. The Noptic camera is a spotlight mounted thermal camera that allows officers to see in dark environments by detecting the object's infrared radiation and creating an image based on that information.

Analysis:

The Noptic thermal spotlight camera has been a part of our Police Fleet since 2009. These cameras help officers to locate suspects in dark environments thus increasing officer safety and assisting with apprehension. As many of the existing cameras 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 the existing systems failing and costly repair costs. The result could be not having any Noptic thermal cameras available for officers, which could increase chance of injury for officers and possibly allow a suspect to escape custody.

Legal Review:

Agenda item does not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this Agenda item is \$55,650.00 from the Crime Control District.

Recommendation:

The Police Department recommends approval.