



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 21, 2012
Item Number: F-10
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Subject: APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO COBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$79,487.98 FOR THE PURCHASE OF WIRELESS IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS.

Attachments: 1. None

RECOMMENDATION

In an effort to save time for order and delivery, staff recommends that the City Council move to approve a purchase order to Coban Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of "Edge" Wireless In-Car Video System and the issuance of a purchase order to Coban in the amount of \$79,487.98.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Patrol Video System is to provide an accurate audio and video record of enforcement actions and other public contact. It is the policy of the Police Department to use and maintain a Patrol Video System in all patrol vehicles.

DISCUSSION

The current system employed by the Patrol Bureau requires the use of removable hard drives to transfer data from the officers' vehicles to the network. This is problematic because the hardware would break due to continual insertion and the removal of the hardware for shift changes. This caused the hardware to be sent out for service. It also caused the purchase of additional hardware that could not be repaired.

The Coban Edge units are the next-generation system of present Coban in-car video system. They provide a wireless upload of recorded video for records storage purposes. By using the new system, there will be less officer interference, more functionality, and

greater storage capacity. This upgrade will also improve the reliability and efficiency of the Patrol Video System.

No other vendor's in-car video system hardware or software is compatible with the Coban equipment now deployed by the department. Because all of the cars will not be changed out or upgraded, it is necessary to use this vendor's equipment for compatibility. The introduction of any other in-car video system hardware or software would require entirely new software for managing the videos as well as new support hardware (microphones, batteries, chargers) because they would be incompatible with the existing system. It is necessary for all of the equipment deployed for the system to work in any Police Department vehicle that an officer may use.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this purchase is budgeted in the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture account. In July 2011 the City Council approved an appropriation in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the Special Projects Unit to upgrade the Coban units. The total cost to purchase the 13 Coban "Edge" Wireless In-Car Video System including sales tax, is \$79,487.98. This request only covers the purchase of the equipment. The installation will be coming forward as part of a broader agreement to up-fit recently purchased Police Department patrol vehicles at the March 6th City Council Meeting. The cost for removal and re-installation of existing video equipment from an old patrol vehicle to a new patrol vehicle is rolled into the overall figure for up-fitting per vehicle. For the purpose of replacement for the Wireless In-Car video equipment, the Public Works, Vehicle and Maintenance Division, is tasked with the collection of internal service funds, at a rate of \$1,680 per year, per in-car video system for five years.



Scott G. Miller, Director

Finance Approval



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Police Approval



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Information Technology Approval