



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: July 2, 2013
Item Number: G-10
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Subject: **AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,720 TO COBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA TERMINAL COMPUTERS FOR POLICE PATROL VEHICLES**
Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to approve a purchase order to Coban Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$9,720 for the purchase of Mobile Data Terminal Computers for Police Department vehicles.

INTRODUCTION

It is the policy of the Police Department to use and maintain a Patrol Video System in all patrol vehicles. The purpose of the Patrol Video System is to provide an accurate audio and video record of enforcement actions and other public contact. The Patrol Video System is operated by a laptop computer inside a patrol vehicle. This laptop is commonly referred to as a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT).

This \$9,720 purchase order will augment a previous purchase of equipment that was returned to the vendor. The vendor has agreed to issue a credit to the City for the returned equipment.

DISCUSSION

On February 21, 2012, the City Council approved a purchase order to Coban Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$79,487.98 for the purchase of "Edge" wireless in-car video systems for Police Department patrol vehicles. This purchase was completed on April 19, 2012.

Many of the MDTs used in patrol vehicles have reached the end of their useful life and are due for replacement. During the summer of 2012, the Police Department completed its process for selecting the make and model of the new MDTs that will be deployed in its patrol vehicles. Among the criteria used to evaluate the MDTs was compatibility with the City's existing technologies, including the new Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS System). After evaluating MDTs from three (3) different manufacturers, the Police Department determined that the Coban "Titan" MDT best meets the needs of the City and the officers who utilize this equipment on a regular basis. As existing MDTs reach the end of their useful life, they will be replaced with the Coban MDTs.

An ancillary benefit of the Coban "Titan" MDT is that it provides much of the same functionality for the in-car video systems that the Coban "Edge" system provides. Due to implementation delays, the vast majority of the "Edge" systems purchased in April 2012 had not been deployed by the time the Police Department selected the "Titan" MDT as its computer of choice. Because many of the "Edge" units were still unopened and in brand new condition, Coban agreed to accept the return of the unused "Edge" units for a full credit and apply the credit to the purchase of the new "Titan" MDTs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total purchase price for the MDT computers is \$71,925. A credit in the amount of \$62,205 received for the return of the equipment will be used to offset this purchase. The net new cost to the City for the MDTs is \$9,720. Funds for this purchase have been budgeted in the Vehicle Replacement Program (35498502/85050) and will not result in any new Internal Service Fund (ISF) charges.

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