



MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles Cato, Chief of Police

THRU: Robert Piccioni, Assistant Chief of Police

FROM: David Gill, Police Captain

DATE: April 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposed items for purchase from Federal Seizure Account #SA17/18-351-04

The following items are proposed for purchase from the Federal Seizure Account:

1. Training \$50,000

This request is \$50,000 to be used for training for officers and supervisors primarily in the areas of de-escalation techniques, patrol tactics to improve officer safety and performance, critical incident response and recovery, and supervision and leadership.

2. Youth Summer Camps \$20,000

The Mesquite Police Department SRO Summer Youth Program is an innovative and effective program that the Department provides for young people in the community. The program gives young individuals between the ages of 12 and 14 the opportunity to learn and experience new things with police officers during the summer, leading to positive relationships between the Police Department and the city's youth.

3. DAX Evidence Recorder \$8,000

This request is for the purchase of a DAX Evidence Recorder. The DAX Evidence Recorder, built by Ocular Data Systems, Inc., is an HD recording device created with the assistance of a drug recognition expert for the purpose of recording the eyes during standardized field sobriety testing (SFST). Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN), minute tremors in the eyes during SFST examination, is considered the best indicator of intoxication or drug impairment, but cannot be recorded by standard body camera recordings. This device will allow juries to see what the officer sees in a suspect's eyes to assist with prosecution of criminal cases. The recordings will also be useful for training new officers what indicators look like in a classroom setting, allowing officers to become familiar with HGN prior to their exposure to intoxicated persons. Training on the device is included in the purchase price.

4. Defensive Tactics Equipment

\$5,000

This request is for the purchase of training equipment for defensive tactics classes. The department currently only has protective pads designed to be used for baton training. The design of these training pads makes injury more likely during hand-to-hand defensive tactics training. Additional training weapons for weapons retention training will also be purchased, to increase efficiency during training classes. These training weapons are of the appropriate shape and weight of a real weapon, but are not functional to increase safety.

5. Milestone Licensing for Traffic Cameras

\$20,000


This request will allow sixty-six (66) City of Mesquite signalized intersections which have traffic cameras to have their video feeds recorded and stored for approximately two weeks. These video feeds could be used in police investigations to determine direction of travel and capture images of suspect vehicles involved in major crimes. The recordings would also assist in traffic control and accident investigations.

| Description of Items | Object Code | Requested Amount |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Training | 6244 | \$50,000 |
| 2. Youth Summer Camps | 6244 6108 | \$20,000 |
| 3. DAX Evidence Recorder | 6302 | \$8,000 |
| 4. Defensive Tactics Equipment | 6108 | \$5,000 |
| 5. Milestone Licenses | 6212 | \$20,000 |
| Total Requested: | | \$103,000 |



David Gill
Captain

Approved:



Charles M. Cato
Chief of Police



Cliff Keheley
City Manager