



MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles Cato, Chief of Police

THRU: Robert Piccioni, Assistant Chief of Police

FROM: Doug Yates, Police Captain

DATE: October 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposed items for purchase from State Seizure Account #SA18/19-350-01

The following items are proposed for purchase from the State seizure account:

1. Ballistic Vest (Heavy) \$22,320

The purchase of ballistic vests for narcotics (5) and hostage negotiators (7) is requested. This purchase is to equip officers with replacement vests for expired ballistic vests and three new vests for additional personnel. These vests are termed “heavy” as they are designed to resist a larger number of bullets and caliber. Purchase of these vests offer the best protection for officers in high-risk situations.

2. Inclement Weather Jackets \$110,000

Employees of the police department are required to work in all kinds of inclement weather. The current rain gear and winter coat that has served the department for years has not been upgraded in some time. New water resistant and breathable fabrics are now available to offer a one coat solution for rain and cold weather gear. The department currently does not have a “cool” weather option and this new coat system provides a removable liner that provides officers with a choice for their comfort level. The new coat is from Blauer and includes a waterproof outer shell that provides higher visibility and rain protection and an inner liner that makes for a versatile inclement weather system. This jacket purchase will give both rain and weather protection for officers. The system has already been tested and samples have been available for officers to evaluate.

3. Covert Surveillance System \$10,000

The City of Mesquite’s most reported crime is burglary of a motor vehicle (BMV). The Criminal Investigations Bureau’s initiative for 2019 is to reduce the frequency of this crime. This request is to purchase covert surveillance equipment to target locations and suspects that are high in BMV offenses. Staff will use crime data to deploy a bait vehicle equipped with this

equipment to apprehend suspects and effect crime reduction for the offense of BMV. The covert equipment will be mounted inside a designated vehicle.

4. Two unmarked vehicles with radios \$47,400

The Criminal Investigations Bureau has previously used a 2005 Nissan Titan for surveillance and general use. This vehicle was originally seized and transferred for use as a special use vehicle. This vehicle has met its service life. Additionally, two new CID positions were recently created and the unit needs an additional vehicle to meet proper staff vehicle needs. Staff recommends purchasing two new Ford Fusions with radios for the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

5. Police Bicycles \$33,000

Currently, the Mesquite Police Department operates a bike unit with 24 bikes available. This unit consists of 25 officers and three sergeants, who conduct operations during special deployments, holiday visibility and enforcement initiatives, and criminal enforcement such as Burglary of Motor Vehicles patrols. The current bikes have reached their service life as some range from 2001 to 2008 models. This request is for 22 new replacement bikes for the aged equipment. The new bikes offer increased efficiency and reduced operating costs. The MPD bike program is a vital part of the department's mission and this purchase will help serve the citizens for years to come.

6. Lead removal at police range \$25,000

The police range has been operating for numerous years. Recently it was decided to upgrade the facility. This construction will no doubt disturb the earth in which the bullets have been trapped. Best practices require the department to "clean" the berm prior to further construction. This removal should ensure compliance with government and range standards in the field.

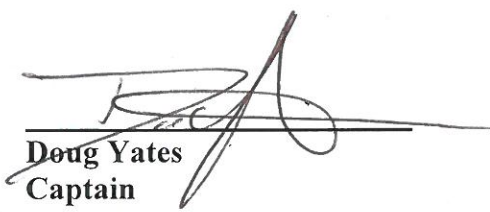
7. Replacement Vehicle for Public Service Professionals \$40,000

This request is for the purchase of an SUV to replace the Dodge Charger currently being used by the Public Service Professionals. This vehicle was originally a patrol vehicle that reached the end of its service life. The vehicle was then converted to the PSP program. This vehicle currently has approximately 120,000 miles, and repair costs have risen to the point that it needs to be replaced.

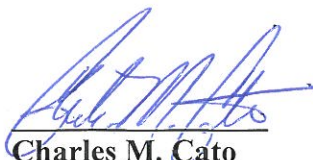
8. Forensic Computer Lab Equipment \$60,000

The Forensic Computer Lab is currently operating two computers that have served beyond their provided warranties and are no longer sufficient for the increasing demand of the memory requirements from the current forensic software programs. One of these computers has already stopped working. Recommended replacements for these computers are two Talino KA-901X Forensic Workstations and accompanying equipment. These computer will enable more efficient and timely processing with our current programs, and will also provide sufficient memory and storage as future forensic programs continue to require higher minimum specifications.

Description of Items	Object Code	Requested Amount
1. Ballistic Vests	6407	\$22,320
2. Winter Jackets	6407	\$110,000
3. Covert Surveillance System	6407	\$10,000
4. Two unmarked police vehicles	6408	\$47,400
5. Police Bikes	6407	\$33,000
6. Lead removal	6407	\$25,000
7. Public Safety Professional vehicle	6408	\$40,000
8. Forensic Computer Lab Equipment	6407	\$60,000
Total Requested:		\$347,720


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Captain

Approved:


Charles M. Cato
Chief of Police


Cliff Keheley
City Manager