

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Charles Cato, Chief of Police

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David Faaborg, Assistant Chief of Police

FROM:

Doug Yates, Police Captain

DATE:

July 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 

Proposed items for purchase from State Seizure Account #SA18/19-350-06

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

## 1. Employee Wellness Program

\$55,000

This request is for the development, implementation, and equipment for a Mesquite Police Department employee wellness program. Criminal justice occupations are associated with high work stress leading to psychological illnesses and high turnover rates. The program will encompass training modules, counseling options, databases of self-help information, as well as self-assessment tools. This program will offer all police employees opportunities to achieve mental wellness.

# 2. Unique Digital Isilon Gen 6 Data Storage

\$200,000

The demands of digital storage continue to increase in law enforcement. Body worn cameras and in-car cameras are more detailed and involve retaining data for longer periods of time. The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) needs to increase its data storage to comply with legal and criminal investigation standards. This proposal increases the capacity and should provide storage capabilities for years to come.

#### 3. Fixed License Plate Readers (LPR)

\$30,000

The police department has secured grant funds to deploy a fixed License Plate Reader (LPR) system in designated areas of the city. This request is to cover the remaining costs needed to implement this program. This LPR system utilizes the same system currently deployed on the department's patrol vehicles and surveillance trailer, the fixed LPR system will allow 24/7, all-weather monitoring capabilities. The department has been able to use existing traffic cameras to locate criminal suspects. This program will augment and greatly enhance the department's existing crime-fighting tools by enabling officers and investigators to identify suspect vehicles and

capture license plates. The LPR system will aid real-time investigations and will also provide critical information during post offense investigations.

### 4. Rifle Purchase \$35,000

This request is for the purchase of short barreled rifles to be issued to the school resource officers. In order to be better prepared for an active shooter event, a need has developed for the school resource officers to be armed with rifles inside the schools. The majority of officers in the SRO program currently have these rifles issued. This purchase will equip the remaining officers and supervisors. This purchase will also allow for future growth and availability when a rifle is down for service. This weapon system is specifically created to fit inside a specially made backpack allowing officers to carry the rifle in and out of the schools without raising alarm.

#### 5. Hesco Barricades

\$15,000

The Mesquite Police Department range has grown in size and functionality. This request is for additional Hesco style barricades to provide increased safety for employees from different shooting angles. These systems will also allow for "safety' lane shooting for special training purposes and those employees that need individual assistance. This purchase will provide the range facility with enhanced safety options.

Description of Items	Object Code	Requested Amount
1. Employee Wellness Program	6407	\$55,000
2. Data Storage	6407	\$200,000
3. Fixed LPR	6407	\$30,000
4. Rifle Purchase	6407	\$35,000
5. Hesco Barricades	6407	\$15,000
Total Requested:		\$335,000

Doug Yates Captain

Approved:

Chief of Police

Cliff Keheley
City Manager