



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

June 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Resolution for Grant Application for In-Car Video Camera Systems and the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Rapid Investigation Response Equipment for the Police Department

SUBMITTED BY: Kay Godbey, Special Projects Manager

REFERENCE NO: Resolution No. 09-1314

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider Resolution No. 09-1314, supporting the application for a grant to fund "in-car video camera systems" and "Child Abduction Response Team" (CART) Rapid Investigation Response Equipment for the Euless Police Department

ALTERNATIVES:

- Not approve the resolution and not make a grant application.

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

The current in-car video systems in the Police Department are VHS technology and are currently beyond their life expectancy. Purchase of VHS tapes has become difficult and is becoming more expensive due to advances in technology. This grant, if funded, will provide new digital (DVD/CD) in-car video recording systems. If this technology upgrade is made, efficiencies will be realized with time and cost savings, as well as improved evidence processing, maintenance, and storage.

Additionally, the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Rapid Investigation Response Equipment will enhance the Department's ability to address these incidents when they occur. This grant submittal is a multi-agency effort (Euless, Colleyville, Keller, Grapevine, Roanoke, Bedford, and others). The equipment includes multi-band portable radios, laptops and a field deployable communications system that will be shared among responding agencies when an alert takes place. The specialized communications system will operate during and for the alert(s) in progress, thereby focusing communication efforts within the first critical hours of an incident.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources:	Grant funding if awarded
Expenditure Accounts:	Account created for these funds if received
Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):	FY 2009-2010 if grant funds are received
Estimated Expenditure:	\$203,660 (\$141,000 VIDEO + \$62,660 CART)
Over/Under Projection By:	n/a
Other Comments:	

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Resolution No. 09-1314

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office