

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-422

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

SUBJECT:
COMPUTERIZED
ACCIDENT
REPORTING
SYSTEM

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:
WILLIAM
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CHIEF OF POLICE

A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed by State and City staff to describe expectations and responsibilities between the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department in the implementation and operation of the State's Officer Information Manager or Advantage Safety software and hardware system. The goal of this cooperative effort is to enhance the reporting and documentation of traffic accidents in the City of Des Moines by the use of six laptop computers by the Police Department Traffic Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total cost of six laptop computers and software is approximately \$47,534. The State of Iowa will contribute 80 percent of the total cost (\$38,027) and the City of Des Moines will pay the 20 percent balance. The City's share will be approximately \$9,507. The City's expenses will be allocated from the 1997 Law Enforcement Block Grant.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

IDOT is now utilizing laptop computers to enhance their capabilities to report, record, and enforce State traffic laws. The City of Des Moines Police Department is a major participant in accident reporting to the State. Utilization of this laptop system will provide more accurate and efficient traffic investigations and assist both the State and the City to better identify high risk traffic accident locations.

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