

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-158

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

APRIL 19, 1999

SUBJECT:

MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

The Police Department wishes to connect six mobile laptop computers to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Mobile Data System. The system will allow traffic officers to acquire registration and warrant information quickly and efficiently. It will also create a data connection to the State's data network allowing officers the opportunity to easily exchange law enforcement information without tying up the Department's voice communications. A Memorandum of Understanding has been mutually created that defines the responsibility of both the State and the City of Des Moines. The Memorandum of Understanding requires the approval of the City Council and the signature of the Mayor of Des Moines.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

1997 Law Enforcement Block Grant - \$22,886; Police Seized Funds Account - \$3,621.90.

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM
MOULDER
CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Police Department are currently working in conjunction to exchange traffic accident information more efficiently. Statistical data is essential in planning for traffic safety programs and isolating high accident areas around the city. Computerization has allowed more consistent data acquisition. Enhancement of this operation would be greatly improved if the data could be transmitted directly from the police vehicle to the database. The officer on the street can check the State mainframe for

registration and warrant information on every vehicle stopped. This will also reduce the Police Department's radio voice traffic, since the officers using this equipment will be bypassing the dispatch office and connecting directly to the State's mainframe.

Creating this data connection and utilizing the State's system requires some type of written agreement to define what this will cost each entity and who is responsible for hardware equipment. Both agencies have mutually agreed upon a Memorandum of Understanding that defines those concerns. The agreement is for one year with two one-year renewal options. Either party may terminate this agreement before the one-year contract period expires by giving the other agency 30 calendar days notice. The City will spend approximately \$26,508.30 to acquire vehicle consoles, mobile data radios, and cabling. The City already owns the laptop computers. Upon installation of the equipment in the vehicles, the Police Department can start on-line.

The City Council will need to approve this Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Mayor to sign said document.