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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 29A <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-2063</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-739</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Judy A. Bradshaw,</b> <b>Chief of Police</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of the Des Moines Police Department Patrol Bureau to purchase seventeen additional COBAN In-Car Video System cameras and accessories.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Des Moines Police Department to purchase seventeen additional COBAN In-Car Video System cameras and accessories. The Des Moines Police Department has incorporated over 40 COBAN in-car cameras in the uniformed patrol fleet. These cameras are an intricate part of the police department’s operational duties to provide valuable video information for the courts, police training, and supervision. The COBAN in-car system was purchased in June 2010, Roll Call 10-1042 with the intention of adding additional cameras upon acquisition of funding. Since that time 30 cameras were purchased November 22, 2010, Roll Call 10-1949. The total cost of these cameras and their installation is being funded by Federal Justice Assistance Grant and seized funds. The Police Department is requesting approval from the City Council to purchase 17 additional cameras.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$113,645

Funding Source: Eight (8) Cameras will be purchased with the Justice Assistant Grant SP751, POL984150, 531030, Adopted Budget by Department, Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, page 249. Nine (9) Cameras will be purchased with Asset Forfeiture Funding SP324, POL982200, 531030, Adopted Budget by Department Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, page 249.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On the June 28, 2010 City Council Meeting, Roll Call 10-1042, the Council approved the acceptance of COBAN Technology as the vendor of choice for the installation of an In-Car Camera System for the Police Department. The system is used to capture real time patrol incidents during daily calls for service. The system has been successful in accomplishing the requirements the Police Department demanded. The Police Department desires to expand this system and has identified funding to purchase additional cameras. The cost of the cameras totals \$113,645. Funding will be shared between the Asset Forfeiture Funds and Justice Assistance Grant in order to cover the costs of installing the cameras in 17 uniform patrol vehicles.

The system was increased on November 22, 2010, when 30 new cameras were installed in the fleet. These additional 17 cameras will allow utilization of the system in the new vehicle replacements.

It is the goal of the Patrol Bureau to install this system into as many patrol cars in the fleet as possible. The cameras are invaluable in recording and retaining video information captured during patrol incidents. The videos are utilized for several different goals. The courts find the video's increasingly beneficial to evidence gathering as well as proof of defendant's actions at the time of their arrest. The Police Department will use the videos as training tools for officers to experience real time criminal activity training for future encounters. Administrative supervision of the videos insures basic training tools are being implemented in the community.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: November 22, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1949

Action: [COBAN](#) Technologies Inc. (Allen Chen, President) manufacturer and sole-area wide distributor for thirty (30) in-car video camera systems for use by the Police Department, \$193,800. ([Council Communication No. 10-702](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.**

Date: June 28, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1042

Action: [Coban](#) Technologies Inc. (Allen Chen, President) for thirteen (13) In Car Video/Audio Systems to be used by the Police Department, \$95,369.95. (Ten bids mailed, four received). ([Council Communication No. 10-412](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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