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AGENDA HEADING:

Approval is requested to purchase 10 replacement mobile data terminals to be utilized in Fire Department vehicles. The purchase would be made from Data911 Mobile Computer Systems, 2021 Challenger Dr., Alameda, CA 94501, Bret Hubbard, President and CEO. The equipment has been competitively bid under the US General Services Administration (GSA) schedule 84, contract number GS-35F-0259U. The Police Department serves as the fiscal manager of the E911 funding.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval requested to purchase 10 replacement mobile data terminals to be utilized in Fire Department vehicles. The mobile data terminals are installed in fire vehicles as tools to improve the capabilities of the Fire Department in their response to emergency situations. These computers supply critical information to the responding personnel and enable commanders to make time saving decisions before or as they arrive at the scene. The mobile data terminals currently installed in the Fire Department vehicles have reached the end of their serviceable life and need to be replaced in order to accommodate computer program updates and space availability issues in the vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$ 58,714.50

Funding Source: PD222377 (POL040900) – E911 Funding located in Fiscal Year (FY) 2104 Recommended Operating Department Detail Budget Book on Page 206

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Fire Department currently utilizes 31 mobile data terminals which were purchased with E911 funding in June of 2005. The Department was notified that the terminals are at the end of serviceable life and will need to be replaced in order to maintain support. The terminals are unable to support upgrades to current computer programs and are not capable of operating the Windows 7 computer operating system. This inability reduces the amount of information being supplied to personnel.

Research was conducted by Fire Department personnel to find equipment that would be capable of efficiently operating the necessary programs and would reasonably accommodate the confined space available in the vehicles. The Data911 terminal was tested by the department with favorable results.

Funding to replace all 31 the terminals at once was not available in the current E911 budget. The Police Department serves as the fiscal manager of the E911 funding. It was determined by both departments that the purchase of the 10 terminals will be sufficient to satisfy the immediate needs of the Fire Department. The remaining terminals will be purchased as funding is available.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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