

# **Council Communication**

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Agenda Item No. 24C

Roll Call No. <u>15-0750</u> Communication No. <u>15-218</u>

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of Police

### **AGENDA HEADING:**

The Police Department requests approval to purchase 14 MultiRae Pro Wireless Chemical Detection Monitors from Federal Resources Supply Company, 377 Log Canoe Circle, Stevensville, MD 21666 Frank Guglielmo president. This equipment will be distributed among the six (6) statewide Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Taskforce Teams and the eight (8) statewide Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Taskforce teams. The Des Moines WMD SWAT Team and EOD Bomb Team will retain one (1) monitor each.

# **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase 14 MultiRae Pro Wireless Chemical Detection Monitors from Federal Resources Supply Company. The MultiRae Pro Wireless Chemical Detection Monitors will alert the WMD SWAT and EOD task force members of the presence of possible combustible, harmful, or unstable elements within an environment. This detection of airborne hazardous chemicals will assist officers in their determination of what strategy to employ in addressing the situation and will indicate the expanse of the area effected by the hazard. The wireless connection to a laptop computer enables a detailed reading of the level of chemicals in a specific area and projects the circumference of the detected area. This will enable officers to effectively protect citizens and property in the area surrounding the situation as well as their own personal safety. This equipment is essential to maintain a level two (2) Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection Team under federal Homeland Security guidelines.

# **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$107,892.72

<u>Funding Source</u>: The WMD SWAT Homeland Security 2013 Grant (\$46,239.76 and the EOD Homeland Security 2014 Grant (\$61,652.96) both found on page 211 of the Recommended Budget Department Detail for Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2016.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The MultiRae Pro Wireless Chemical detection equipment will replace current equipment which has reached the end of useful life and is no longer supported for maintenance by the manufacturer. These monitors are essential to the safety of officers entering a hazardous environment. The detection and identification of chemicals in the air will assist officers in performing their duties in mitigating the environment. The connection to a laptop will offer information regarding the identification of chemicals that are present, levels of the chemicals, and the projected area effected by the airborne

chemicals. This will assist the officers in protecting the citizens and property within the affected area as well as the surrounding area. This equipment is a required component to maintain a level two (2) CBRNE certified team.

The Des Moines Police Department is the fiscal agent and the authorized representative for the administration of the 2013/2014 Homeland Security grant program. All the equipment purchased with grant funding is to be reviewed, prioritized, and authorized by the Iowa WMD SWAT and EOD Task Force Leadership Committee as well as obtaining prior approval from the State of Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management office. The equipment must be applicable to the federal, state, and local preparedness initiative.

Bid number V15-108 was sent to 8 vendors with only four (4) responses received at the bid opening on April 27, 2015. The lowest compliant bidder is Federal Resources Supply Company, 377 Log Canoe Circle, Stevensville, MD 21666, Frank Guglielmo, President.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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