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	Submitted by:	Dana D. Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Award and approval to Ed Roehr Safety Products, 2710 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO, 63103 (Duane Wall, President) to provide 60 electronic control devices (ECD) or Tasers for the City of Des Moines Police Department.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the Award and approval to Ed Roehr Safety Products, 2710 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO, 63103 (Duane Wall, President) to provide 60 electronic control devices (ECD) or Tasers for the City of Des Moines Police Department. The City of Des Moines Police Department has 60 ECD throughout the department in need of replacement. Many of the current inventory of Taser brand ECD are out of warranty and no longer supported by Taser International. The current inventory of Tasers are at the end of the product life cycle, replacement parts are no longer being manufactured nor are software updates available. Tasers have proven to be an imperative option for police officers responding to dangerous situations and vital to minimizing the risk of injury to police officers and suspects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$82,042.50

Funding Source: PD225000, Federally Forfeited Funds, page 211 of the FY 2016 Recommended Budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Taser International is the only provider of law enforcement grade ECDs. Ed Roehr Safety Products is the sole authorized distributor of Taser brand products in the State of Iowa.

The City of Des Moines Police Department has numerous police officers currently trained to safely operate the ECD. Each Police Officer carrying a Taser is required to undergo a minimum of eight (8) hours of training. The Police Department has staff who are certified trainers by Taser International to provide on-site instruction on proper use and deployment of the Taser in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications and with department policies and procedures.

The new Taser X26P models will be similar to the current models being used in user functionality and would not require additional training for officers currently using the device. The current cartridge supply is also compatible with the new X26P Taser model. The newer technology includes digital evidence management software that allows for the review of health, usage and diagnostics data on each

device allowing for detailed analysis of each deployment. This will allow the Police Department to analyze data from each deployment to ensure and document compliance within departmental regulations and is essential to assure proper deployment. These devices offer a smart choice for police officers' need for an alternate means of force.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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