


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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### AGENDA HEADING:

Recommend approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between the Iowa Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Division (IDHSEMD) and the City of Des Moines to allow IDHSEMD to purchase a standalone mobile surveillance tower to be used by the City of Des Moines.

### SYNOPSIS:

The IDHSEMD approached the Des Moines Police Department regarding additional funding availability from Federal 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program for equipment to assist in the monitoring of critical facilities, soft targets, and crowded places.

The IDHSEMD agreed to purchase a FLIR Skywatch tower for use by the Des Moines Police Department. The standalone, portable, mobile tower can be used to monitor large outdoor events, and provide a high vantage point for surveillance. The Skywatch tower may be operated remotely or manned by a police officer.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The equipment cost is \$210,000 which is paid for by IDHSEMD through the grant.

The City is responsible for routine maintenance and repair of the equipment. Fleet Services estimates maintenance costs at around \$1,000 per year. The State of Iowa has indicated that additional funding would be available for major repairs if the equipment is damaged.

The City is also responsible for providing mobile data to the Skywatch tower through air cards at an estimated cost of \$1,000 per year.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The State of Iowa would be the owner of the tower, but Des Moines would be the primary user and is permitted and encouraged to make available the equipment to other metro agencies.
- Upon approval of this MOA authorizing the purchase of equipment, a more detailed MOU will be developed by the IDHSEMD and the Police Department regarding general terms and conditions as well as specific duties of both parties.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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