


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>20-006</b>	Meeting:	<b>January 13, 2020</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>51E</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-0098</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase a Firearms Comparison Microscope from Leeds Forensic Systems, 17300 Medina Road, Suite 600, Minneapolis, MN 55447 (John S. Crouch, Owner.)

### SYNOPSIS:

The Firearms Comparison Microscope will enable the processing of ballistic and firearm evidence to be conducted by the Police Department. The microscope records, analyzes and uploads images information to the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) for use by law enforcement entities across the nation. The network compares and matches weapons and evidence to link firearm cases together in efforts to solve more cases while reducing crimes involving firearms.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$77,140

Funding Source: 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant (JAG00019) Page 211 of the FY2020 Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In September 2018, the Police Department became the first local law enforcement agency in Iowa to install the NIBIN equipment provided by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). This equipment has enabled the Police Department to record their evidentiary findings on firearms and ammunition casing in a database that is accessible by law enforcement agencies across the country without having to use the State Crime Laboratory, which often has lengthy delays in processing. The requested microscope and equipment will allow more in-depth analysis and comparison of the evidence. It is programed and designed to upload images, measurements and observation notes directly into the network. This increases the searchable data available to efficiently link ballistic evidence, cases and suspects nationwide.
- The purchase of the microscope was included in the approved budget associated with the 2019 JAG Agreement.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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