


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-394	Meeting:	September 12, 2022
	Agenda Item:	64E	Roll Call:	22-1455
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Request Approval for the Police Department to purchase additional cellular and wireless data services on the FirstNet Network provided by AT&T Mobility LLC a subsidiary of AT&T Inc., 100 Lenox Park, Brookhaven, GA, David Chistopher, President.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends approval to purchase additional monthly cellular and wireless data services plan from AT&T Mobility to provide access to the FirstNet Network. The network provides elevated channels of communications dedicated to first responders to eliminate delays due to high public volume. The network connectivity currently includes 190 cellular phones for officers and 140 wireless data cards for police vehicles and fire apparatuses. The Police Department would like to increase the number of cellular phones with monthly service to 220 and the wireless data cards to 151.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

- \$37,272 in additional annual cost for cellular service plans
- \$4,853 in additional annual cost for wireless data transmission services for police and fire vehicles
- \$6,000 for the purchase of equipment. These costs would potentially be offset by credits received from AT&T Mobility

Funding Source:

The cellular service is included in the Police Department operating budget, Page 196 of the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

The wireless data service is funded in the 911 Operating Budget, Page 194 of the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- FirstNet is an independent authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Authorized by Congress in 2012, its mission is to develop, build and operate the nationwide broadband network that equips first responders to save lives and protect U.S. communities.
- The Police Department switched to FirstNet (AT&T) with Council approval in July 2020.
- The transmission was staggered with not all phones/devices being switched to FirstNet.
- The Police Department has issued phones with FirstNet services to officers in strategic assignments for response preparedness.
- The wireless transmission services have been added to Police and Fire vehicles to ensure operations and communications continue between the officer and the emergency dispatch center should the network become overwhelmed with public use.
- The advantages and capabilities of the FirstNet network have encouraged the slow expansion in the number of phones and wireless data services throughout Public Safety.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 13, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1140](#)

Action: [AT](#) & T Mobility LLC a subsidiary of AT & T Inc. (David Christopher, President) for annual cellular services and wireless transmission service, and the replacement of cellular phones per State of Iowa Agreement for use by the Police Department, \$159,400. ([Council Communication No. 20-314](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Boesen

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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