


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-140	Meeting:	March 27, 2023
	Agenda Item:	51	Roll Call:	23-423
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase thermal imaging equipment from Safeware Inc. (4403 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706, Edward A. Simons, President) utilizing the State of Iowa contract #19211B. This equipment will be used by the certified Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) SWAT statewide teams.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends the purchase of thermal imaging equipment for the certified WMD/SWAT statewide teams. The equipment increases the ability to see people and objects in low light or dark areas. The equipment is available per the State of Iowa contract #19211B. The equipment will be funded through the 2019 Homeland Security Reallocation grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$191,549.17

Funding Source: 2019 Homeland Security Reallocation grant, Special Revenues and Other Funding page 200 of the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail for FY23.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines has accepted the 2019 Homeland Security Reallocation grant and serves as the fiscal agent /authorized representative for the administration of the grant on behalf of the Iowa WMD/SWAT Task Force Program.
- The WMD/SWAT Task Force Leadership Committee has completed a capability and investment justification for funding based on the National Preparedness Goal, Federal Target Capabilities List, and the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management guidelines.
- The purchase of thermal imaging equipment has been approved by the Homeland Security and FMA governing board as eligible equipment to be purchased with grant funding.
- The equipment purchased will support all the statewide WMD/SWAT teams, as a stipulation of the grant award, to allow for cohesive training and response to large scale incidences.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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