



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 28, 2022

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Purchase of Binocular Night Vision Device Systems for Police Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of six binocular night vision device systems to be used by the Corpus Christi Police Department SWAT Team from GT Distributors, Inc. of Pflugerville, Texas, through the BuyBoard cooperative, for \$67,864.50, with FY 2022 funding of \$54,952.05 from the Fire Grants Fund and \$12,912.45 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion will authorize the purchase of six binocular night vision devices for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) SWAT team. The six binocular night vision devices will improve the SWAT Team's safety and enhance its ability to respond to high-risk critical incidents while faced with adverse lighting conditions.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The proposed binocular night vision devices will increase the CCPD SWAT Team's safety as well as its ability to protect and recover members of the public in the event of a disaster or terroristic situation. Some high-risk incidents CCPD SWAT responds to are bombings, active shooter events, armed barricaded subject situations, and warrant services on heavily armed gang and narcotics suspects. The CCPD SWAT Team is vital to halting and apprehending threats to the community, therefore, it is critical that the team possess the updated devices.

Currently, the CCPD SWAT Team only has 10 of the updated binocular night vision devices. CCPD SWAT has four devices that were developed in 1982, but they are outdated and inadequate. The CCPD SWAT

Team consists of 42 members, so the six devices requested in this bid are much needed.

The funds to purchase the binocular night vision devices were awarded by the State of Texas, Department of Homeland Security, in response to a request for grants in 2021. Although this purchase is for CCPD, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) coordinates the grant application process that will fund the proposed purchase of the binocular night vision devices.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the BuyBoard cooperative. Contracts awarded through the BuyBoard cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to allow the CCPD SWAT Team to continue using its current binocular night vision device stock, including the outdated night vision devices, which will affect the team's ability to provide a higher level of protection to the community. Eventually, the outdated devices will no longer work, causing CCPD SWAT to have even less binocular night vision devices available for its SWAT Team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2022 is in the amount of \$54,952.05 from the Fire Grants Fund and \$12,912.45 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Although this purchase is for CCPD, CCFD coordinates and manages the grant application process that will fund the proposed binocular night vision devices.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	821268F	HSGP CCPD SWAT Enhancement
Mission Element:	093	Respond to Emergency Call
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$54,952.05	

Fund:	1074	Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Organization/Activity:	826100F	Law Enforcement Trust-Fed
Mission Element:	151	Respond to Law Enforcement
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$12,912.45	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this purchase from GT Distributors, Inc. of Pflugerville for binocular night vision devices for the CCPD SWAT Team, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet