

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

SUBJECT: Communications and Information Technology – Approve purchase of mobile digital scanners for 57 Police Department vehicles.

Expenditure: \$29,302.52 (includes sales tax and shipping)

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and the Police Chief that City Council approve a purchase order to Bearcat Warehouse, Inc. of Clarksville, Maryland, for the purchase of 57 mobile digital radio scanners in the amount of \$29,302.52.

Funding

Funding is available in FEAP 647 – Digital Radio Scanners Project.

BACKGROUND

On August 2, 2007, Council approved the acceptance of the 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant in the amount of \$35,154 and the appropriation of an additional amount of \$4,746 from the Department of Justice Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture Fund to be used to fund the Digital Radio Scanners project. All funding has now been received and is available to purchase the digital scanners.

ANALYSIS

The Police Department currently uses analog radio scanners to monitor a variety of public safety radio frequencies. The analog scanners are not compatible with new digital communications systems used by some law enforcement agencies. The proposed scanners will replace the obsolete inventory and provide needed communications interoperability.

Formal bids for Police scanners were opened on February 28, 2008. Bid results are listed below:

Vendor	Total Bid (includes sales tax)
*Bearcat Warehouse, Inc. Clarksville, MD	\$29,302.52
Scanner Master Corp. Natick, MA	\$29,361.13
Talley Communications Corp. Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$31,190.62

*Lowest Responsible Bidder

Respectfully submitted,



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CONCUR:



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Chief of Police



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