

Council Meeting  
April 1, 2008

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police – Purchase a computer interface between the AutoCite citation program and the Public Safety Information System.**

**Expenditure: \$46,591.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council approve:

- 1) A purchase order to Spillman Technologies, Inc., for a computer interface between the AutoCite citation program and the Public Safety Information System (CAD/RMS) for an amount not to exceed \$46,591.
- 2) Authorize a transfer of \$21,591 from the Police Department's Operating Budget to the Public Safety Information System project (FEAP 535).

**FUNDING**

Funding of \$25,000 is available from the Public Safety Information System project FEAP 535 and \$21,591 from the Police Department operating budget.

## BACKGROUND

For over ten years, the Police Department has used the AutoCite system to issue traffic citations. The system includes hand-held electronic devices that allow the officer to slide a driver's license through a magnetic strip reader, which enters the identification directly into the device. The officer is able to print out a citation in the field after keying in some basic information. At the end of the day, the officer downloads all the citation information into a database for transmittal to the court.

Funding of \$25,000 for this purchase has been earmarked in the Public Safety Information System project FEAP 535. An additional \$21,591 is available in the Police Department's Operating Budget.

## ANALYSIS

AutoCite does not interface with the Public Safety Information System (Spillman CAD/RMS). However, a computer interface can now be purchased to transfer data files between the AutoCite and Spillman systems. Once the interface is online, all historic and future information in the citation system can be downloaded into Spillman. This will result in one consolidated database. Having one database increases search capabilities through the Spillman system, which will save time and improve data access in investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

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