

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for August 7, 2014 – Taser X26P Purchase

DATE: July 15, 2014

INTRODUCTION:

The Police Department would like city council permission to purchase eight (8) Taser X26P units from Taser International. Funding for this purchase is included in our 2014/15 FY budget

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2014/2015 budget request, the City Council provided \$14,400.00 in funding to purchase the new generation of Taser conducted energy weapons to replace a portion of our current stock.

The current Taser weapons we own were initially implemented in 2004. Within the past year Taser announce the end of life of the Taser X26. The replacement model is the Taser X26P. We started the replacement process with the purchase of 8 Taser X26P weapons from the Justice Assistance Grant. We are now asking permission to move forward with the purchase of the remaining 8 Taser X26P weapons along with the Taser Assurance Plan for each one. The cost for this purchase will be \$7,494.40, excluding shipping. The remainder that was budgeted for will be used for necessary accessory equipment for the new Tasers (training and duty cartridges, batteries, targets and data download equipment). The Taser accessories/equipment will cost \$3,824.00. We will be approximately \$500.00 under budget for this endeavor.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is our recommendation that City Council authorized the department to purchase the Taser X26P weapons and the first year Taser Assurance Plan for the amount of \$7,494.40.