

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item

DATE: March 12, 2015

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Police Department conducts equipment “changeover” to newly purchased Muscatine Police Department squad cars. The equipment to be changed over includes the transfer of radios, partitions and computer equipment from the old squad cars to the new units. Three bids have been obtained from three separate companies who are qualified to conduct the work. The companies are RACOM, Supreme Radio Communications Inc and Electronics Engineering.

BACKGROUND:

On a two year rotation, the Muscatine Police Department purchases squad cars with the intent of keeping maintenance cost low as well as keep safety and reliability of a squad car at its highest point possible. With each change over, it has long been the tradition of the Department to remove interior equipment from the old squad cars and place that equipment in the new cars. With this, three bids to remove and reinstall the equipment were obtained from reputable companies ensuring the City will obtain the best work product at the most competitive price.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the Department’s recommendation that the City accept Electronic Engineering’s bid for \$11,563.00 for the use of transitioning the Department’s squad cars equipment.

Bids were received from RACOM (\$14,230.40), Supreme Radio (\$12,160) and Electronic Engineering (\$11,563).

We request City Council authorize the issuance of purchase orders to Electronic Engineering in the amount of \$11,563.00.

NOTE: Due to the transition of equipment from older squad cars to new, more compact units, additional equipment may need to be purchased for installation completion.