

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for February 4, 2016 – Crime Scene Camera Equipment

DATE: January 28, 2016

INTRODUCTION:

The current digital SLR camera system used by department personnel for processing crime and crash scenes is 10+ years old. We secured funding for the purchase of a new system as part of the FY 2015 Justice Assistance Grant. We received three (3) quotes for this system and the best quote was submitted by the Camera Corner from Davenport for the amount of \$6,365.12 along with free training for our crime scene personnel on the system.

BACKGROUND:

As part of our 2015 Justice Assistance Grant submission the department included \$7,000 for the purchase of a new digital SLR camera system for our crime scene technicians to use for documenting crime scenes and crash scenes. Our current camera system is 10 years old and showing its age. The system includes the camera, multiple lenses and external flash with remote and other accessories.

We secured three quotes for the same Canon camera system. Camera Corner from Davenport Iowa submitted the best quote for the amount of \$6,365.12 for the complete system. B&H Video's quote was \$6,545.79 and Amazon.com's quote was \$6,804.70. Neither of the other two quotes included training on the system.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We are asking the Muscatine City Council for permission to purchase the camera system, using grant funding, from Camera Corner for the amount of \$6,365.12.