

# **MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** **Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator**

**FROM:** **Brett Talkington, Chief of Police**

**SUBJECT:** **City Council Agenda Item -**

**DATE:** **September 9, 2016**

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Muscatine Police Department is requesting city council approval for the purchase of equipment for the target system at our Firearms Training Range. The existing reactionary system is both outdated and non-operational. Action Target no longer manufactures parts for the existing system. City Council approved \$14,500 for this in the FY 2016/2017 budget.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Muscatine Police Department has maintained its own firearms training facility since 1992. As part of the Department's 5 year, long term Firearms Training Range plan, a new target system was projected to be replaced in FY 2016/17. By the State of Iowa law enforcement training standards, officers are required to qualify with their firearms on an annual basis.

During the budget sessions we discussed with the city council of the need to replace much of the current system we have had for the past many years. With the aging of the system many of the moving parts, action mechanisms and controllers for the system need to be replaced. To keep the cost of the renovated "new" system to a more manageable level we are keeping many of the foundational parts of the system previously provided to us by Action Target. With the renovation of the target system we will be able to have an up to date and reliable firearms training system that will serve our needs into the future. The equipment for the renovation/replacement of the target system is a sole source project. That sole source is Action Target.

If we needed to replace the complete firearms target system the cost would exceed \$25,000.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

It is the Department's recommendation that the City Council approve the purchase of a new/replacement Action Target System for the police department's training facility. The quoted replacement cost for the target system is \$14,000.00.