



FIRE DEPARTMENT**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary
Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

FROM: Mike Hartman, Assistant Fire Chief

DATE: August 9, 2013

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – In-vehicle Camera System

INTRODUCTION:

As part of the FY 13/14 budget, the City Council approved \$ 5,500 for an in-vehicle camera system. Bids have been received and the department is ready to purchase the system.

BACKGROUND:

The Muscatine Fire Department has used camera systems in two of the fleet's ambulances with good success. The systems provide information that can assist with customer concerns, potential liability (such as collisions) and have been shown to improve decrease maintenance for vehicles in some ambulance services. Placing these cameras will allow for all of the vehicles to be similarly equipped and will provide a standard system for all of the ambulances. The Department received two bids for this equipment. Keltek Incorporated was low bid at \$5,462 and Digital Ally was the second bid, at \$6,975.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

This is a request for authorization to issue a purchase order to Keltek Incorporated to supply and install three in vehicle camera systems for a bid price of \$ 5,462. Council budgeted \$5,500 for this capital outlay purchase.