

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for September 5, 2013 – Squad Video System

DATE: August 27, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

The Police Department would like city council permission to purchase a new squad video system that includes 14 squad systems, the server, new WIFI Access points, and all installation from Watch Guard Video for the amount of \$94,575.00. The department will still be taking \$3,000.00 from our forfeiture account to complete this project.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2013/14 budget process City Council appropriated \$95,000.00 for the replacement of our current squad video system which included 14 squad DVR systems, the server and access points.

An RFP was sent out in July with 6 vendors submitting formal quotes or proposals. Three vendor's proposals and systems met our specifications for what we want now and also what we want to expand to in the future. Those three vendors were Coban Technologies, Panasonic and Watch Guard. Of those three, Watch Guard is the least expensive vendor that will satisfy our current needs as well as provide expandability in the future. Each vendor demonstrated their video systems including their server software.

Coban Technologies price for their basic system was \$102,896.00 and Panasonic's Arbitrator proposal was \$129,968.00 (not including a server or WiFi access points).

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Based on the submitted proposals and the information gathered during the demonstrations we are asking the City Council to approve the purchase of the digital squad video system from Watch Guard Video in the amount of \$94,575.00.