

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: US Department of Justice, Office of Justice, JAG Program Funding

From: Kenneth J. Shultz, Chief of Police

Meeting Date: February 20, 2017

Public Hearing: N/A

**Advertising Date /
Advertised By:** N/A

Attachments: Pictures
Sole Source Bid Recommendation

PURPOSE:

The High Point Police Department has received funding through a grant from Department of Justice for the purchase of eight (8) in-car cameras.

BACKGROUND:

The High Point Police Department applied for funding with the Department of Justice, Office of Justice, JAG Program for eight (8) in -car cameras. Funding was received and excepted by the City of High Point in September 2016. The High Point Police Department would now like to move forward with the purchase of the eight cameras and requests approval from the City Council to obtain these from WatchGuard. The Police Department currently utilizes WatchGuard Vista HD in-car cameras and we have been very pleased with their performance to date. Furthermore, currently owned software and antenna retrieval systems for wireless downloads only support this product and thereby make purchasing from this company the most cost effective.

The cameras, which capture both video and audio recordings, enhance officer's safety, improves accountability, simplifies incident review, enhances officer training, improves community perception, strengthens police leadership, advances prosecution and case resolution, enhances officer performance and professionalism and in the worst cases can speak for an officer when the officer is incapacitated.

The addition of the new in-car cameras will allow us to install the equipment on new patrol cars and help us continue to work towards the objective of having cameras on all first responder vehicles. Some will also be used to replace and update existing camera systems that have reached the end of their useful life span.

These camera systems include two cameras, wireless microphones and a secure storage system that allows for wireless downloads of data when cars pull onto the PD parking lot.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There are no funds required for match of this grant

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Police Department is requesting Council approval to purchase eight (8) in-car cameras using the sole source bid recommendation from WatchGuard in the amount of \$42,920.00 using the JAG grant funds.

Kenneth J. Shultz
Chief of Police





**FORMAL BID RECOMMENDATION
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

DEPARTMENT: **Police**

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: **Feb 20, 2017**

BID NO.: **Sole Source** CONTRACT NO.: DATE OPENED: **Feb 3, 2017**

DESCRIPTION:

Watch Guard In-Car Cameras for patrol vehicles for the Police Department.

PURPOSE:

The Watch Guard in-car cameras are used by the HPPD patrol units. The cameras enhance officers safety, improves accountability, reduces liability, simplifies incident review, enhances officer training, and improves community perception.

COMMENTS:

The HPPD is requesting the Watch Guard in-car cameras to continue standardization throughout the department. If another band of cameras was purchased then the HPPD would have to invest in a different server and other equipment.

RECOMMEND AWARD TO: **WatchGuard** AMOUNT: **42,920.00**

JUSTIFICATION:

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ACCOUNTING UNIT	ACCOUNT	ACTIVITY	CATEGORY	BUDGETED AMOUNT
301310	533101	301161107405	55310	42920.00
TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT				

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The Purchasing Division concurs with recommendation submitted by the **Police Department** and recommends award to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder **WatchGuard** in the amount of \$ **42,920.00**.

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