



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 14, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Investigative Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Acquisition Of Police Forensic Software Upgrade

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Appropriate \$5,085 in the Fiscal Year 2014 Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture and Miscellaneous Grants Fund from available reserves for the purchase of an upgrade for the Cellebrite UFED Mobile Examination Workstation; and
- B. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process as authorized in Municipal Code Section 4.52.080(k) and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a sole source purchase order to Cellebrite for an upgrade to the Cellebrite workstation.

DISCUSSION:

In 1998, the County of Santa Barbara adopted a resolution pursuant to California SB 720, which authorized the collection of a \$1.00 vehicle registration fee for vehicles registered to an address within Santa Barbara County. These funds, accounted for in the Police Asset Forfeiture and Miscellaneous Grants Fund, are restricted for programs that enhance the ability of local law enforcement agencies to secure fingerprint identification of individuals who may have been involved in a motor vehicle incident while driving under the influence, vehicular manslaughter, or other crimes while operating a motor vehicle such as texting while driving.

In July 2010, the Police Department purchased the original Cellebrite Classic UFED (Universal Forensic Evidence Device) Kit. This system was put in place to forensically examine electronic mobile devices booked as evidence in criminal cases. It allowed for the extraction of call logs, contact lists, text messages, photographs, etc. The system was upgraded in 2012 from the Cellebrite UFED Classic to the Cellebrite UFED "Ultimate". This software upgrade improved the ability for the examiner to break password locked devices and to also retrieve (in some devices) deleted data.

In October 2013, Cellebrite notified its licensed users that the system devices were not going to be supported as of October 2014 and were sending notice of their planned “end of life” for the system devices. Cellebrite suggested that the users “migrate to the next generation UFED 4PC System. Staff recommends the City take Cellebrite’s trade-in program offer and migrate to their new UFED 4PC Mobile Forensic technology.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The purchase will be funded from available reserves generated from revenues received from vehicle registration fees for this purpose.

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