



INDEPENDENCE **POLICE**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Zachary Walker, City Manager

FROM: Acting Chief Ken Jarnagin

SUBJECT: Updated Police Department Equipment Priorities

The following represent the top priorities for the police department in regards to technology and equipment. Per your request, the items selected are a one time cost and require no additional annual expenditures for support or maintenance.

1. Sniper Rifles **\$33,611.70**
 - The police department currently utilizes a 700 Remington bolt action .308 platform for the sniper rifles. The current rifles are over 20 years old and have been repaired numerous times. The department snipers are required and expected to perform precision shots when a situation dictates, and a reliable weapon plays a critical role in the successful resolution of these types of incidents.
2. K-9 **\$14,000**
 - The police department provides canine coverage seven days per week. This is accomplished by deploying a total of five officer/canine teams. One canine, named Alpha, will be 10 years old in March. A police canine's operational readiness is normally 9-10 years, depending on various factors. Alpha has met this expectation and his age is now limiting the police department's deployment capabilities.
3. Detention Unit Cameras **\$74,720**
 - The current cameras that are operating within the detention unit are between 5-10 years old and many of them do not have microphones attached to them, thus the detention staff oftentimes have to piece together camera footage to get both the audio and video recordings of incidents that occur within detention. Due to the fact that the detention unit

is a high liability area, it is imperative that the police department maintains a reliable camera system that provides as extensive coverage as possible. The new cameras that have been quoted all include attached microphones which will allow the detention staff to obtain better coverage within the detention facility.

4. Radio Tower Camera System \$33,980.00

- The police department maintains a prime site radio system that serves many municipalities in Eastern Jackson County, as well as all the Independence city departments that utilize radios. There are several radio towers strategically located throughout the city to provide for a microwave loop around the city. The radio tower located at I-70 and Woods Chapel has been vandalized on several occasions and another one located at I-70 and 40 Hwy has had trespassing incidents.

Total Proposed Cost \$156,311.70