

**MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET REQUEST
CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

DIVISION: Police/Patrol

ITEM REQUESTED: Cellular telephones for all patrol officers

JUSTIFICATION:

The Patrol Division is seeking to purchase cellular telephones for all of its officers. There are approximately 90 officers assigned to the division. At \$56/month, the yearly total would be approximately \$60,480.

The States Attorney's offices have advised the need to audio/video record victims and witnesses for many types of crimes. There are limitations to the in-car video systems leading to lost opportunities to record critical information in the moment. Officers are advised not to record these statements on their personal devices because they are then subject to subpoena. Assigned cellular phones allow the officers to use a work issued device to record this important evidence in a more timely and efficient manner.

Novatime, the new timekeeping system implemented by the City, has an application for cellular phones which would allow officers to "clock in and out" when going to court or any other remote assignment where swiping on the time clocks in the building would not be possible.

Officers in the field often conduct investigations due to the immediacy of the event they are dealing with. Often, they must use their personal device, or come back to the police department in order to conduct phone follow up. Their squad cars are their offices. It's operationally effective for them to be able to conduct investigations from their assigned areas via cell phone.

Assigning cellular phones to all officers allows for a more efficient and immediate delivery system for urgent messages. Photos can easily be disseminated via group messaging allowing for officers to have immediate access to the information as opposed to having to sign on to email to download a photo.

Assigned cellular phones ensures continuity of operations and effective testimonial evidence collection in the field.

VENDOR(S): Verizon

CY17 LINE ITEM: \$0

CY18 REQUEST: \$60,480

TOTAL INCREASE/DECREASE: \$60,480

REQUESTED BY: Commander Tom Kammerer #4080