

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager
DATE: October 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Authorize the purchase of 24 grant-funded Stalker Dual DSR radar units from Applied Concepts, Inc., dba Stalker Radar, including installation costs in the amount of \$57,896.08

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase 24 grant-funded Stalker Dual DSR radar units from Stalker Radar in the amount of \$53,115. The Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office has notified the Police Department that a maximum amount of \$57,986.08 has been awarded to the City of North Richland Hills under the 2016 CJD Criminal Justice Programs Competitive Grant #31031-01. The grant funds have been authorized for the Department's purchase of 24 grant-funded Stalker Dual DSR radar units. The remainder of the grant funding will be utilized to install all purchased radar units within the existing police vehicle fleet.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The North Richland Hills Police Department's patrol section has 33 police vehicles assigned to the section. Of these, 21 are currently without radar units installed. These vehicles are distributed throughout the four patrol shifts. Without radar units, officers assigned to these vehicles are unable to conduct speed related traffic safety enforcement within their assigned districts. Specifically, they are unable to sufficiently address community complaints in reference to speeding issues in their neighborhoods without the equipment to conduct traffic safety enforcement. Officers also act as a visible deterrent to motorist by conducting traffic stops in areas where they are known to exceed the safe speed limits. This visible deterrent can have positive impacts on the number of speed violations in areas where motorists know officers frequently conduct traffic safety enforcement using radar equipment. The requested Stalker model radar units are equipped with front and rear mounted radar antennas and low profile speed display boxes which do not interfere or obstruct the officer's view from the vehicle. Applied Concepts holds a Law Enforcement Speed Detection and Video Equipment Contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC). This contract will allow the City of North Richland Hills to utilize the multi-agency contract awarded to Applied Concepts that is available for state and local government entities in Texas.



RECOMMENDATION:

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