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Budget and Finance Committee
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE REPORT BACK - POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT NEEDS

SUMMARY

Each year, the Police Department examines the need to purchase new and replacement equipment that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department. This fiscal year, several items of equipment were considered for purchase. The justification for purchasing these items was weighed against the City's ability to fund them. Due to the City's financial constraints, no equipment items were submitted in the Police Department's Operating Budget request for fiscal year 1988-89.

BACKGROUND

The Police Department budget preparation process encourages the examination of existing methods of operation and the need to purchase new and replacement equipment that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its employees. The many technological advances in communications, forensics, information management and other areas enable the Police Department to improve the quality and quantity of service it provides to the citizens of Sacramento. It is our intent to continue to explore new ways of accomplishing our mission more effectively and to adopt those methods from which the greatest benefits are derived.

Several equipment items were identified and considered as part of the 1988-89 fiscal year budget process. The items and justifications appear as an attachment to this report.

Fiscal responsibility demands close scrutiny of all budget requests, particularly in years where projected revenues indicate a need to conserve resources. The Police Department is working closely with the Budget Office to develop a budget

that maintains adequate law enforcement services, balancing the criticality of the need against the cost. Although it was determined that no new equipment would be recommended in fiscal year 1988-89, other than vehicles for the seven (7) officers placed in the base budget, the Police Department is satisfied that service to the citizens of Sacramento will not suffer.

The Police Department is utilizing funds available in the current year's budget for priority equipment purchases. To date, the Police Department has ordered an updatable microfiche camera and a telephone call sequencer for the Records Section. The updatable microfiche camera is used to film offense and arrest reports, criminal histories and other data for easy access and to reduce storage of hard copies on site. This camera is a replacement for the existing camera which was irreparable. The call sequencer is an upgrade of the current system, purchased to better serve citizens calling the department to file a report over the telephone. The previous system was insufficient to handle incoming calls, did not repeat messages to hold, and did not allow for expansion of lines so that more report writers could be assigned during peak periods. Many citizen complaints generated by the old call sequencing system should be avoided in the future.

The Budget Office has indicated that funds will be set aside on a City-wide basis for replacement equipment purchases. Due to current financial constraints, this appears to be a reasonable and workable solution to maintaining existing equipment inventories and service capabilities.

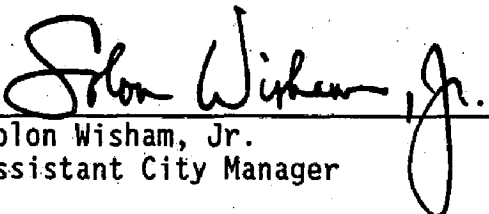
RECOMMENDATIONS

None. This information is offered in response to questions by the Budget and Finance Committee.



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ALL DISTRICTS

ATTACHMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

2113 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

Camcorder w/case 1 \$2,000

Required for the taping of surveillance and raids. Need small equipment for improved efficiency. Only current piece of equipment for this purpose.

2117 COMMUNITY RESOURCES SECTION

Microcomputer & Printer 1 \$3,290

Currently have one computer which can no longer meet the section's needs. Second computer needed to maintain and expand on-going projects. Will also allow for the development and up-dating of crime prevention brochures.

Workstation/Stands 1 \$450

Computer workstation for the above computer.

Camcorder w/microphone & light kit 1 \$2,590

Needed for Partner's in Prevention program. Video tape is made available to classrooms and can be taken home for viewing by families. Currently have to borrow video equipment for this process. With the number of schools expanding from 9 to 17, the addition of this equipment will make the program more effective.

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

2122 SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

Ear Microphone SWAT Equipment 13 \$6,390

Current equipment requires the officer to pull off his line of sight target in order to answer the radio. This equipment allows officers to maintain sight of the target while communicating with other officers.

Listening Device Stethoscope 1 \$1,280

The stethoscope would allow officers to listen for activity inside a building, up to 50 feet beyond any exterior wall. It would avoid the unnecessary use of tear gas which would decrease claims against the City for contamination of buildings.

2123 TRAFFIC SECTION

Portable Cellular Phone (Patrol Boat) 1 \$1,200

The Patrol Boat is currently unable to communicate with sponsors or organizers of special events in progress without going to shore and using a pay phone on the riverfront. A portable telephone would allow communication without taking the boat out of service.

2125 STAFF ASSISTANCE

VT 220 Computer System (Court Liaison) 1 \$6,000

The computer will provide a cost savings by allowing the Court Liaison Unit to hook-up to the D.A.'s office to schedule officer testimony in court. The overtime cost savings is estimated at \$20,000.

2128 PATROL - 3RD WATCH

Bomb Suit (E.O.D.) 1 \$14,000

The bomb suit owned by the Police Department is unusable. At present, our "bomb" officers must borrow a suit owned by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. Purchase of a bomb suit would ensure availability of one and provide safety to the officer involved with a bomb situation.

X-Ray Machine (E.O.D.) 1 \$5,400

An X-Ray machine would allow for on-site inspection of suspicious items as well as provide additional safety when dealing with potentially explosive devices.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

2131 ADMINISTRATION

Photocopier 1 \$11,000

Current photocopier cannot handle the number of copies required by the Office of Investigations. The frequent downtime of the photocopier is negatively impacting the effectiveness of the Office of Investigations.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2153 IDENTIFICATION UNIT

Polaroid MP-4 Camera for CAL-ID RAN 1 \$3,300

Will provide high resolution reproduction required for the CAL-ID program. Will allow the unit to be photographically independent of the other ID units which will improve efficiency and effectiveness by better control of workload into the system.

2154 RECORDS UNIT

Microfiche File Cabinet 2 \$3,800

Serious storage problems will result if adequate microfiche storage capability is not provided during this fiscal year. Microfiche filing of police reports provides quick access to those reports. The alternative is to maintain hard copies of each document but there is no storage room available.

2155 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION

Expansion of Camera Surveillance System in Annex Property Room 1 \$1,680

The camera surveillance system in the Property Room needs to be expanded to cover the narcotic drop slot and the front entrance door.

2156 PERSONNEL AND TRAINING SECTION

Open Shelf Filing System 1 \$5,000

Personnel and Training has exhausted it's storage and filing space. An open shelf filing system will allow for the addition of more files in the current amount of space. An open shelf filing system will also enable staff to more efficiently file and retrieve information.