

## **City Council Agenda Item**

Council Discussion and approval of the Forest Park Police Department

Subject: Mobile Command Center

**Submitted By:** Brandon Criss (Police Chief)

**Date Submitted:** 07/10/2024

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Council Meeting Date: 07/15/2024

## Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department operates 24/7 and 365 days a year, constantly responding to emergencies, crimes, and public safety needs. The primary function of a mobile command center (MCC) is to serve as a centralized hub for coordinating emergency responses, managing resources, and facilitating communication between different agencies and units. During large public events, such as concerts, sports events, or protests, an MCC provides a crucial command and control facility, allowing law enforcement to respond swiftly to incidents and manage crowds effectively. In emergencies like natural disasters or terrorist attacks, an MCC allows for real-time information gathering, analysis, and dissemination, which is vital for decision-making and resource deployment. The concept of an MCC stems from the need for law enforcement to maintain command and control in dynamic, often unpredictable situations where traditional infrastructure may not be accessible or adequate. MCC enhances officer safety and public security by ensuring that law enforcement can maintain operational effectiveness even when traditional infrastructure is compromised. The ability to relocate swiftly to different locations allows police departments to adapt to changing scenarios, providing a robust response to any crisis. The MCC will be purchased from LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles, who specialize in building mobile command centers that meet our needs. LDV has been in business for over 30 years and built trucks for agencies all around the world.

Cost: \$	Budgeted for:	Χ	Yes	No
474,181				
Financial Impact: 0				

**Action Requested from Council: Approval of purchase**