



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: June 9, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider authorizing the Grand Rapids Police Department to enter a twelve (12) month contract with Flock Safety.

PREPARED BY: Chief Andy Morgan

BACKGROUND:

Grand Rapids Police Department responds to over 10,000 calls for service every year. The necessity for this department, and the overall profession, to evolve is constant. Searching for new technology and techniques to better deliver this police service and improve the overall public safety is something that this department is fully committed to.

Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) have become a standard piece of technology and is currently used within all GRPD squads.

Flock Safety is a company that provides stationary ALPR technology for over 5,200 communities throughout the country and over sixty (60) law enforcement agencies in Minnesota. GRPD along with other area law enforcement (Aitkin County, Itasca County, Mille Lacs County) has been in communication with Flock Safety with a strong interest in researching and deploying such technology.

This is a non-budgeted item and would be totally satisfied by utilizing funds previously set aside from 2023 Minnesota Public Safety Aid and funds from a Department of Public Safety Automobile Theft Prevention Grant recently awarded to the Aitkin, Itasca, Mille Lacs, Violent Crime Enforcement Team (AIMVCET).

The twelve (12) month contract has been reviewed by the City Attorney. See attached contract.

Flock Safety is found to be an industry leader in this technology. Police leadership is confident that adding such technology will increase the safety of our community.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to approve authorizing Grand Rapids Police Department to enter a twelve (12) month contract with Flock Safety.