



City of Grass Valley
City Council
Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Out of State Training for Specialized Digital Forensics Capability

Recommendation: Approve the attendance of Police Department Detective to travel to Utah for specialized training in this use of digital forensic-extraction software

Prepared by: Brian Blakemore, Lieutenant Grass Valley Police Department

Council Meeting Date: 02/27/2024

Date Prepared: 02/16/2024

Agenda: Consent

Background Information:

The Grass Valley Police Department (Police Department) is responsible for investigating crimes within the City. Often, critical evidence is stored on the digital devices (cellphones, computers, etc.) of suspects, victims, and witnesses. The extraction of this evidence involves the use of specialized law enforcement software. This software requires specialized training which is offered in national regions, rather than state or local regions.

The Police Department has determined that MSAB is the preeminent platform for extracting this critical evidence. The developer offers training to law enforcement personnel in the use of their platform, however the only training scheduled in the United States is in Kaysville, Utah. The next delivery is March 11-15, 2024.

Staff seek approval to send a Police Department detective out of state to attend this training.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #3 - Productive and Efficient Work Force

Fiscal Impact: Estimated cost of \$1800-\$2000
Estimated Flight (w/ tx +fees) - \$650
Estimated Per Diem - \$325
Training Cost - Included in software purchase
Estimated Lodging - \$775
Estimated vehicle rental - \$250

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 100-201- 54112

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Attachments: None