

# MEMORANDUM

*Office of Chief of Police*

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**To:** Dianne Thompson, Interim City Manager  
**From:** Armando Corpuz, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant FY 2018  
**Date:** January 22, 2018

The City of Milpitas anticipates receiving Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds from the State of California, pursuant to Government Code 30061-30063, in the amount of \$115,378.00. These grant funds must be used to support front line law enforcement services and must supplement, but not supplant, existing funding for front line law enforcement services. No City matching funds are required.

These grant funds shall be appropriated in accordance to a written request from the Chief of Police of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the City. The request shall specify the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity, including the personnel, equipment, and programs that are necessary to meet those needs.

Below are recommended expenditures for COPS Grant monies for fiscal year 2018:

<b>1.</b>	<b>Tactical Training and Equipment</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Digital Imaging and Mapping System</b>	<b>\$65,319</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Critical Incident Response Equipment</b>	<b>\$25,559</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$115,378</b>

Further specifics on these spending areas are as follows:

**1. Tactical Training and Equipment (\$24,500):**

The police department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is tasked with safely resolving critical incidents above and beyond the immediate response of officers already in the field. Situations may include barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrant executions, felonious arrest warrant services, and planned operations involving suspects armed with firearms and other deadly weapons. The training needed for such endeavors include, but are not limited to, tactical breaching, medical response and casualty care, and the corresponding equipment can consist of breaching tools, medical equipment, and ballistic protection.

**2. Digital Imaging and Mapping System (\$65,319):**

Officers currently utilize an electronic mapping system based upon surveying techniques to accurately diagram major traffic collision scenes and major crime scenes. Our existing mapping system requires a team of officers to operate. Technology for mapping systems has improved significantly in recent years and has now incorporated digital imaging while simultaneously reducing the amount of time and personnel required to thoroughly document scenes. The purchase of a modern digital imaging and mapping system, along with the requisite training and accessories, will vastly improve the efficiency and accuracy of important scene diagrams.

**3. Critical Incident Rapid Response Equipment (\$25,559):**

The initial engagement and immediate actions by first responders in the field to critical incidents is pivotal to facilitate safe resolutions, and there are various types of equipment that can supplement what officers already carry in order to respond quickly. Rifle rated ballistic plates, vests to carry the plates, ballistic rated helmets, and other types of protective equipment could be made more accessible to officers if the items were compact enough to be stored in patrol vehicles for rapid deployment so that officers can confront potentially hazardous situations while minimizing their exposure to possible injury or death.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Allocate COPS 2018 Grant funds for the above program areas.