

Montgomery City Council
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 24, 2023	Budgeted Amount:
Department: Police Department	Prepared By: Anthony Solomon

Subject

Consideration and possible action approving a resolution for the City of Montgomery to participate in the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, allowing the Police Department to purchase DPS Approved Toxicology Blood and Alcohol Test Kits accepted by the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab.

Recommendation

Approve this resolution allowing the City of Montgomery to participate in the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Discussion

When a driver is suspected of driving while intoxicated, the officer will often have a blood draw completed, which will be processed by the State's Crime Lab. The blood test kits used by the phlebotomist must be supplied by our agency.

As you see in our monthly reports, we have averaged just under 5 DWI arrests per month in 2023, with a total of 43 arrests between January 1 through September 30. November and December are predictably the busiest months when it comes to DWI arrests, which means it's crucial that we have access to the DPS approved blood test kits that we need.

In February of 2023, our agency was notified via email (see attached email) by our vendor of the State's updated guidance that going forward the Toxicology blood and alcohol kits must be ordered through Texas SmartBuy.

The State will only accept DPS Approved Toxicology and Blood Alcohol Drug Test Kit sold by the Texas SmartBuy Program for non-DPS personnel (see attached notice). There is an annual fee of \$100.00 payable to the Texas Comptroller's Office to enroll in this program. The cost per kit is \$7.25 (see attached printout from the Texas SmartBuy website).

While we have a small stock of blood test kits available, they are set to expire in December 2023. We need to purchase more prior to their expiration or the depletion of stock. Our agency must join the Texas SmartBuy program to have access to purchase the DPS Approved Toxicology and Blood Alcohol Drug Test Kits.

Approved By

Police Chief	Anthony Solomon	Date:
City Administrator	Gary Palmer	Date: