

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Chief Hudgins

Date: 6/7/2022

Re: GPS for Police Vehicles



I have attached a one-time cost (quote from Southern Software) to install GPS in our police vehicles. This GPS will be linked directly to our CAD system and it will provide the following benefits and improvements over our current GPS vehicle tracking system. (1) It is connected to our CAD system and allows for officers to receive directions to calls for service on their in-car computer at the touch of one button; (2) It provides for officer safety, dispatchers can track police vehicles in real-time from their CAD computer (if an officer needs help or is not answering his radio, dispatch can immediately locate the police vehicle and send help; (3) It creates efficiency with dispatching by allowing dispatch to send the closest car to a call for service; (4) GPS history of police vehicles is searchable through our CAD; and (5) There is no recurring cost for this service.

The internet for the Southern Software GPS device will be provided by our AT&T mi-fis that we already have.

We would like to purchase 32 devices with FY22 asset forfeiture funds, which are on-hand at this time. The total one-time cost would be \$2,400 and we have this funding in our current FY 22 asset forfeiture funds.

Action Requested: Approve purchase of GPS system for police vehicles.