



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 16, 2021  
**TO:** City Council Members  
**FROM:** Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Accept Virtual Reality Police Training System Equipment

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### RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to authorize the the Police Department to accept a Meggitt Training Systems, Virtual Reality – Decisions and Tactics (VR-DT) capital asset from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) with an estimated value of \$50,000.

### DISCUSSION

In 2019 the Legislature provided the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) with a one-time allocation of \$15 million and granted authority to spend up to \$5 million of that amount for equipment. POST researched available equipment to support and enhance De-escalation and Use of Force training for peace officers. Ultimately POST identified the Meggitt VR-DT virtual reality system as the best technology suited for Use Force and De-escalation.

The VR-DT system is being placed at twenty-five Regional Skills Training Centers and fifty law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The Sonora Police Department coordinated with POST to receive one of the systems. As a condition to accepting the equipment, the Police Department has agreed to host De-escalation and Use of Force training for other law enforcement agencies in our area. The market value of the Meggitt Training Systems VR-DT is \$50,000.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City for the VR-DT system equipment. There will be travel and training costs for instructor certification to be absorbed by the Police Department's existing training budget.