

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the purchase of a surveillance receiver/recorder system (Asset Seizure funds \$5,750) (PD)

DATE: February 19, 2002

PREPARED BY: JERRY J. ADAMS, CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of a surveillance receiver/recorder system.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Special Investigations Unit needs a dependable and up-to-date surveillance system in order to conduct safe and successful undercover operations.

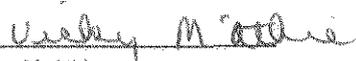
The Special Investigations Unit conducts undercover operations throughout the year. These operations involve undercover officers posing as prostitutes, massage parlor patrons, and park dwellers. SIU detectives also utilize informants to purchase narcotics. A surveillance system is always in place when any of these operations take place. The system records what transpires. The system also ensures that other officers can monitor the decoy officer or informant's situation and respond immediately if they are in danger.

The current surveillance system was purchased over eleven years ago. The "body wire," a transmitter that is secured to the officer/informant, is in such poor condition that it is held together by surgical tape. The transmitter is unreliable and often has to be adjusted by the officer/informant while they are awaiting the arrival of the suspect. Since the officer/informant is not in radio contact with the officers, the officers often have to break cover and risk detection in order to communicate with the officer/informant. The receiver, the part that records the conversations between the officer/informant and the suspect(s), is also over ten years old. The receiver's reception is poor. This detracts from the evidentiary value of the recordings and poses officer safety concerns.

The deteriorating condition of the current surveillance system prevents certain operations due to concerns for officer safety. We recommend purchase of The Law Enforcement Associates surveillance receiver and transmitters as they are compatible with the rest of the Special Investigations Unit equipment. They are programmable and have high power outputs and extended audio ranges.

FUNDING: \$5,750.00 (includes 7.75% tax and shipping) from Asset Seizure funds.

Approved by:


Vicky McAthie
Finance Director


Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____


Janet K. Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING USE OF ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS TO
PURCHASE SURVEILLANCE RECEIVER/
RECORDER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Special Investigations Unit conducts undercover operations involving undercover officers posing as prostitutes, massage parlor patrons, and park dwellers, as well as utilizes informants to purchase narcotics; and

WHEREAS, a surveillance system is utilized in all undercover operations; and

WHEREAS, the surveillance system records what transpires, ensures that other officers can monitor the decoy officer or informant's situation, and be able to respond to any immediate danger; and

WHEREAS, the current surveillance system was purchased over eleven years ago and has deteriorated to a point where it prevents certain undercover operations due to concerns for officer safety; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the purchase of The Law Enforcement Associates surveillance receiver and transmitters using Asset Seizure funds, as they are compatible with the rest of the Special Investigations Unit equipment, are programmable, and have high power outputs and extended audio ranges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the purchase of surveillance receiver/recorder system utilizing \$5,750.00 from Asset Seizure funds.

Dated: February 19, 2003

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-24 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 19, 2003 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk