



Agenda Item: 9.A
Date of Meeting: February 10, 2025
Department: Police

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nate Derr
Subject: **Flock Security Camera and ALPR Project**
Prepared On: January 30, 2025
Attachments: Flock Sole Source Justification

Background/History:

Strategic Plan Item 4.6 - Real-Time Crime Center Initiative

In alignment with Item 4.6 of the City of Bishop's Strategic Plan, which focuses on modernizing workflows and implementing contemporary policing techniques to enhance departmental efficiency, the Police Department has identified the development of real-time crime centers as a key initiative. These centers, incorporating downtown camera networks and Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs), are recognized as essential tools for advancing modern policing practices and improving operational effectiveness.

As a direct result of the strategic plan's directive, the Police Department has prioritized this project and included it in the FY24/25 project list. This initiative, which has already received approval from the City Council, is allocated a budget not to exceed \$187,500.00.

Analysis/Discussion:

The City of Bishop Police Department is considering the purchase of cameras and Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) to be deployed in the downtown core area. This initiative aims to enhance crime prevention and improve the efficiency of investigations. National statistics indicate that surveillance technologies such as cameras and ALPRs can significantly aid in reducing crime rates. For example, cities that have implemented such technologies have seen a 20-30% reduction in certain types of crime, particularly property crimes and theft. ALPRs, in particular, have been effective in identifying stolen vehicles, tracking suspects, and solving cases more quickly.

Flock Safety, a leading vendor in this field, is at the forefront of the competition due to its advanced, reliable technology. Flock Safety stands out as the only provider that integrates

seamlessly with Axon Evidence.com, a platform the Bishop Police Department already uses for managing evidence and case files. This integration allows for streamlined data sharing and case management, providing officers with a more efficient and effective way to handle investigations. The combination of Flock Safety's technology and Axon's platform will enhance the department's ability to quickly respond to crime, make informed decisions, and improve public safety in the downtown area.

Economic Impacts:

The purchase of a Flock Safety contract for a five-year term, which includes the acquisition and subscription for ten (10) devices, has been carefully evaluated and aligned with the FY24/25 budget. The total cost of the contract, including both the devices and associated subscription fees, is not to exceed \$187,500.00. This amount was previously approved by the City Council and is allocated within the current fiscal year's budget.

The financial commitment will cover the following:

1. **Device Acquisition:** The purchase of ten (10) Flock Safety devices, designed to enhance the Police Department's crime prevention and investigative capabilities.
2. **Subscription Fees:** Ongoing subscription costs for the five-year contract period, which will ensure continuous access to the system's features, software updates, and technical support.
3. **Integration and Maintenance:** Costs associated with the integration of the Flock Safety system with the Axon Evidence.com platform, as well as routine maintenance and operational support to ensure the system's optimal functionality.

The allocation of \$187,500.00 ensures that this critical technology can be fully implemented within the budgeted amount, enhancing both operational efficiency and public safety.

Budget Impacts:

This item was approved in general fund spending for FY 24/25.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds it complies with the Law.

Recommended Action:

Review and approve 5-year contract with Flock safety for a combination of 10 live view cameras and automatic license plate recognition cameras (ALPR's).

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