



Agenda Item: 8.B
Date of Meeting: August 10, 2026
Department: Police

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nate Derr
Subject: **Approval to Purchase a Replacement Live Scan Fingerprint System**
Prepared On: July 28, 2026
Attachments: Biometrics4All
Idemia

Background/History:

The Bishop Police Department's current Live Scan fingerprint system has reached the end of its useful life. Due to the age of the equipment, it is no longer supported with software updates and is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. Continued use of unsupported equipment presents a risk to the department's ability to provide reliable fingerprinting services and maintain compatibility with the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

A Live Scan system is a computerized fingerprint capture device that electronically submits fingerprints directly to the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for criminal history background checks. These systems are used daily by law enforcement agencies for a variety of purposes, including:

- Employment background investigations.
- Volunteer screening for youth organizations such as AYSO and other youth sports programs.
- Professional licensing, including nurses, teachers, caregivers, real estate professionals, and many other state-licensed occupations.
- Firearms permit and other regulatory background checks.
- Criminal justice employment and applicant processing.

Without a functioning DOJ-approved Live Scan system, the Police Department would be unable to provide these essential public services locally, requiring residents and organizations to travel to other jurisdictions for fingerprinting services.

Analysis/Discussion:

Because Live Scan systems transmit sensitive criminal justice information directly to the California Department of Justice, only a limited number of vendors are certified and approved

to provide equipment that meets DOJ requirements.

The Police Department solicited quotes from the available vendors.

- Idemia, the department's current vendor, submitted a proposal in the amount of \$42,383.00.
- Biometrics4ALL submitted a proposal in the amount of \$28,042.00.
- Fulcrum Biometrics was contacted but did not provide a quotation despite multiple requests.

The department's Records Clerk, who operates and maintains the current Live Scan system, has extensive experience using Idemia equipment. As part of the evaluation process, the Records Clerk visited the Mammoth Lakes Police Department to observe the Biometrics4ALL system in operation. Mammoth Lakes Police Department has successfully utilized the Biometrics4ALL system for approximately five years and reported a high level of satisfaction with both the equipment and customer support.

A significant advantage identified during the evaluation was Biometrics4ALL's ability to provide remote technical support and troubleshooting. This capability allows many software issues to be resolved quickly without waiting for an on-site technician, minimizing system downtime and interruptions to public service. Idemia does not currently provide this level of remote support for the proposed replacement system.

In addition to enhanced customer service, the Biometrics4ALL proposal provides a cost savings of \$14,341.00 compared to the Idemia proposal while meeting all DOJ certification requirements and operational needs of the department.

Based on pricing, demonstrated reliability, customer references, and enhanced technical support capabilities, staff recommends purchasing the Biometrics4ALL system.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Objective 4.6 - Modern City Business functions and processes.

Objective 3.6 - Capital replacement program

Budget Impacts:

In April 2026, the RAN Board approved funding of \$33,000.00 through the FY 2026/2027 RAN Grant specifically for the replacement of the Police Department's Live Scan system.

The total purchase price is \$28,042.00.

This appropriation is included within the FY 2026-27 Budget.

Funding is proposed as follows:

Funding Source	Amount
FY 2026/2027 RAN Grant	\$28,042.00

Legal Review:

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

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of a new Live Scan fingerprint system from **Biometrics4ALL** in the amount of **\$28,042.00**.
2. Authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 7/30/2026

Approved By: Alison Bishop 7/30/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/4/2026

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