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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 9, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Gutshall, Police

ITEM TYPE: Contract

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: FUSUS Real Time Crime Center Command Software

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval by Council

Is this item Quasijudicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

The development of a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) at the Bradenton Police Department was initiated to meet the contemporary and future law enforcement needs of a growing and developing municipality. The overarching goal of the RTCC is to improve operational intelligence, facilitate emergency response, and increase the safety of the community. Possessing the appropriate technology will allow the Department to address chronic problems, crime patterns, and deploy its resources more effectively and efficiently. A key component to realizing the RTCC's mission is facilitated through obtaining and deploying command software capable of bringing all available data onto one pane of glass. This requires the purchase of a system capable of integrating multiple data points from internal BPD sources, information from external law enforcement and public safety agencies, and private/corporate video streams into a single location. Actionable information and intelligence concerning criminal activity and emergency management can thus be observed simultaneously and instantaneously on such a singular mapping platform. Moreover, given the city's investment in video camera systems and robust inventory of available video feeds, BPD's chief objective is to utilize the acquired footage to its fullest capacity. Research and analysis of various software products has revealed that FususOne represents the best approach for operations at BPD. Fusus has built the first truly open Real Time Crime Center, taking away the expectation of unlinked, closed off systems that dictate what officers can and

cannot use and how. With the FususONE platform, law enforcement and public safety agencies are free to choose the hardware and software solutions that fit their needs and then are able to plug and play immediately, directly into their FususCore device for real-time operations that activates their entire network of solutions within seconds. FususONE and FususCore are compatible with virtually all digital security camera hardware in use today, an important facet as well embark on developing a camera registry that imports private homeowner, commercial business, and local governmental / educational facilities video streams into our RTCC. Moreover, through a strategic partnership between Fusus and Axon, the RTCC platform provides for direct integration with Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) for correlating officer location, BWC recording status, and access to BWC live streaming coupled with Cloud-based storage utilizing Axon's Evidence.com. The RTCC will ultimately provide the Bradenton Police Department with a centralized location encompassing access to a wide range of video surveillance systems and other pertinent data. The center will use technology and analytics to provide responding officers and detectives with timely, comprehensive information that can enhance efficiency and effectiveness, increase the solvability of various crimes, and thereby improve the safety of the visitors, residents and commerce within the city.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Costs for the software were included in the City's FY2022-23 budget.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewed by legal counsel, Paul Driscoll.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the Service Agreement Proposal with FUSUS.

ATTACHMENTS: