

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

**DATE:** May 12, 2025

**FROM:** Dale Lane, Police Chief

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Portable Traffic Light System Donation from the Collierville Citizen's Police Association

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain Mayor and Board of Alderman approval to accept a donation of portable traffic light system.

### **BACKGROUND:**

When a traffic signal system goes down due to a power outage or mechanical failure, the result is often confusion and congestion at busy intersections, creating hazardous conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. Although Tennessee state law requires drivers to treat these intersections as four-way stops, compliance is inconsistent—particularly during high-traffic periods when drivers become frustrated or impatient. In cases where traffic becomes severely backed up, law enforcement officers are required to step in and manually direct traffic to restore order and maintain safety. This not only places officers in potentially dangerous roadway conditions but also pulls them away from other pressing calls for service, reducing overall manpower and slowing emergency response across the community.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Recognizing the challenges posed by non-functioning traffic signals and the strain placed on law enforcement during such incidents, the Collierville Citizen's Police Association (CCPA) identified a need to support both officers and the public by acquiring additional resources. After evaluating the issue, the Association proposed the purchase of a portable traffic light system that could be quickly deployed in intersections where traffic signals have failed due to power outages or mechanical issues. The system would also serve as a valuable asset during planned special events, parades, road closures, or construction projects—helping to manage traffic flow while reducing the need for officers to be physically present in the roadway for extended periods.

To support this initiative, the CCPA applied for and was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Shelby County Commission. The total cost of the portable traffic signal system was \$21,540, and the Association provided the remaining \$6,540 from its own funds to complete the purchase. This collaborative effort demonstrates a proactive investment in community safety and public service, enhancing traffic control capabilities while preserving valuable police resources.

The Collierville Police Department would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Collierville Citizen's Police Association and the Shelby County Commission for their generous support—especially Commissioner David Bradford, whose continued commitment to public safety played a key role in making this purchase possible.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

There is no budget impact.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Letter from CCPA and Quote.pdf](#)

[Signal.jpg](#)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

To accept the donation of a portable traffic light system from the Collierville Citizen's Police Association.

**Board Action:** Motion By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						