



## Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018  
Submitted by: Douglas Holland  
Submitting Department: Police Department  
Item Type: Grant  
Agenda Section: Consent Items (9:30 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.)

### **SUBJECT**

Mobile Communications and Command Vehicle

### **HCC-281-FY18**

#### **Recommendation:**

I move that the Mayor and Council accept into the Police Department vehicle fleet one 1993 International LDV Bus VIN# 1HTMGPHL4PH478862 Mobile Communications and Command Vehicle donated at no cost to the City of Hyattsville by the Prince George's County Government.

#### **Sponsor(s):**

At the Request of the City Administrator

#### **Co-Sponsor(s):**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

[Mobile Communications and Command Vehicle - Image.pdf](#)

#### **Summary Background:**

In January of 2017, Sgt. Hartnett learned that the Prince George's County Office of Public Safety Communications purchased a new state-of-the-art Mobile Command Center vehicle, and had plans to retire their previous unit called "PSC-1." PSC-1 is a 1993 International/LDV Custom-built Mobile Communications Unit, configured specifically to allow for police dispatching in the field, as well as acting as a temporary command post at large events and critical incidents. The Hyattsville Police Department has used of the County's Mobile Command Center in the past to support training and exercises.

Sgt. Hartnett, who has been assisting the Office of Public Safety Communications for the past several years with their Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System project, inquired as to what the county had planned to do with the retired vehicle, as it had very low mileage (21,000) and he felt it would be a valuable asset to the Hyattsville Police Department if the cost was not formidable.

Although the county's original plan was to sell the vehicle, after some discussion with the Assistant Director of Prince George's County Public Safety Communications, it was decided that in appreciation of Sgt. Hartnett's contributions to the CAD/RMS project, that they would transfer ownership of the vehicle to the Hyattsville Police Department at no cost.

The acquisition of a Mobile Communications and Command vehicle for the Hyattsville City Police Department is an extremely valuable, and much needed addition to the HCPD vehicle fleet. Not only will this specialized vehicle provide a "base of operation" at large scale police and public events, but will serve as a backup communications center to the Hyattsville Police Department and surrounding municipalities in the event that the main police dispatch facility is suddenly unusable due to a man-made or natural disasters.

The vehicle will be re-covered with colors and logos consistent with the City of Hyattsville Police Department before it is placed into service.

**Next Steps:**

Re-cover the exterior of the vehicle, obtain proper insurance coverage and Maryland registration.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Minimal fiscal impact to be covered with existing vehicle maintenance funding.

**City Administrator Comments:**

Recommend Approval

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Strategic Goals:**

Goal 3 – Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

**Legal Review Required?**

N/A