

# Upcoming Council Agenda Items

# Memorandum



DATE: September 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine R. Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: LeadsOnline Contract

The Police Department is seeking authorization to enter into a contract with LeadsOnline, LLC. LeadsOnline hosts a secure online database that is utilized by more than 2,100 law enforcement agencies nationwide and allows all participating agencies to view and search pawn and secondhand store transactions nationwide, allowing cases to be solved across jurisdictional boundaries.

This service contract will provide Police unlimited access to an internet database which identifies and tracks individuals and property involved in second hand property transactions. The database provides names, date of birth, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals who sell property through pawn shops. In addition, it contains descriptions of the property that is being sold and ties the property to the person involved with the transaction. This information is available only to law enforcement agencies and is used exclusively for criminal investigations. These services are vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of crime.

The proposed agreement will provide services for five (5) years from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019. The total cost is estimated at \$342,500. The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to enter into a contract with LeadsOnline, LLC. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda for September 24, 2014.



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SUBJECT: Authorize Purchase of Electronic Control Weapons and Accessories

Through a sole source procurement that has been vetted by Purchasing and the City Auditor's office, the City seeks authorization to approve a 5 year acquisition agreement for the purchase, maintenance, and warranty of 2,250 electronic control weapons and related equipment from Taser International, Inc. for \$2,390,063 that will be financed and paid for through a five year equipment lease purchase agreement. In addition, the City seeks authorization to set up a 5 year master agreement for purchase of electronic control weapons and related equipment with Taser International, Inc. in the amount \$1,283,564, which will be funded by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board funds and Current funds.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking to expand the availability of less-lethal options for its officers through the purchase of 2,250 Electronic Control Weapons (ECW) that will be issued to field officers – commonly referred to as first responders. The ECW is a critical and necessary option that will at the very least maintain and perhaps increase the public's trust and confidence in the Dallas Police Department's ability and methodology of policing its citizens.

In the Dallas Police Department's use of force continuum, the Taser may be used at the point when an offender attempts to use active physical force against another person or an officer. The Taser X26 gives an officer control of a volatile situation by discharging electrical current through two probes that have connected to an offender's body. The current is at a level designed to affect muscular function which in essence "locks-up" a person's ability to assault or continue the assault on another person. It is not pain compliance; that is, the current is not like an electrical shock that will simply cause pain in an attempt to deter a person from continuing his or her aggression.

While the Taser X26 has been an invaluable tool for officers, it has not been without controversy. Controversy arose around the country, including Dallas and Fort Worth, when citizens, who were in a state of excited delirium (some through mental illness and others through drugs used with a PCP combination) died after the Taser was used to control them. The officers' conduction of the Taser X26's electrical current for more than the recommended five seconds was cited as having contributed to the person's death. Negative media reports and civil litigation arose which caused the Dallas Police Department not to seek an increase of Taser purchases.

Taser International responded to the criticism which resulted in its next generation ECW – Taser X26P – which is the model that the Department seeks to purchase. The Taser X26P is considered to be a "smart Taser". It has several features that make its use not only effective, but it allows the Department to manage and hold officers much more accountable when it is used.

For instance, the Taser X26P is designed to discharge its electrical current at a certain level for muscle control. If the Taser detects resistance to achieving that electrical current, which comes from the offender's resistance, it will increase the current needed for muscle control. On the other hand, if the Taser detects less resistance, it will reduce the current to the level needed for control.

As part of the Taser X26P, The Department will also purchase the Extended Auto Shut-Down Performance Power Magazine (XAPPM) which is a Taser battery that shuts down after one cycle of five (5) seconds. The five second automatic shut-down battery was recommended as part of the study completed by the Police Executive Research Forum. The purpose of the automatic shut-down is to keep officers from using the Taser for longer than 5 seconds in a single trigger pull; instead, it requires a manual, conscientious pull of the trigger for each cycle of up to five seconds.

Finally, another improvement in the Taser X26P, is its data log. The data log will allow Master Instructors, IAD and management to recreate a Taser-usage incident in response to complaints or management oversight. As this data grows, the Department will also analyze it in order to develop better tactics, training and practices.

The City is seeking a favorable recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to approve a 5 year acquisition agreement for the purchase, maintenance, and warranty of 2,250 electronic control weapons and related equipment from Taser International, Inc. that will be financed and paid over a five year equipment lease purchase agreement with Municipal Asset Management, Inc. The City also seeks recommendation to set up a 5 year master agreement for purchase of electronic control weapons and related equipment with Taser International, Inc. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014.



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SUBJECT: Authorize Reimbursement of Overtime for Federal and State Law Enforcement Task Force Investigations

The Dallas Police Department seeks approval to receive reimbursement for overtime from Federal and State Law Enforcement agencies for task force investigations, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. A city match of \$173,700 for pension and FICA is funded in the FY14-15 budget.

The Dallas Police Department is routinely asked to participate in 15 to 20 various federal and state law enforcement investigation task forces per year. Each task force investigation is usually confidential in nature, and the officers are given undercover assignments.

The Police Department seeks authorization to receive reimbursement for expenses associated with task forces from sponsoring federal or state agency involved. The reimbursed expenses are generally for officers' overtime associated with the investigations. Occasionally, the task force agreement specifies reimbursement for other miscellaneous expenses, such as equipment.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize reimbursement of overtime for Federal and State Law Enforcement agencies task force investigations. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014.

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize Purchase, Installation, and Warranty of X-ray Inspection Systems

This purchase will provide the installation and warranty of two (2) x-ray inspection systems for Jack Evans Police Headquarters located at 1400 South Lamar Street. The current x-ray machine is inoperable resulting in officers having to physically check visitors entering the headquarters. The total cost for two (2) x-ray machines are \$80,586.

Upon a review of security preparedness at the main entrance to Jack Evans Police Headquarters, it was determined that two (2) machines were needed to allow for sufficient security coverage for public access entry points to accommodate the use of common areas. These three common areas include entry to 1) the second floor of the building where thousands of applicants seeking to join the police department visit the Personnel Division 2) second floor access to the Dallas Police Museum and the Media Conference Room 3) first floor access to the Records/Open Records Unit where the public gains access to and retrieves documents.

X-ray machines are efficient and provide an additional level of security as primary means for locating dangerous weapons that may be concealed. This equipment will allow efficient scanning of personal belongings before admittance beyond entry points to the building. These systems provide the operator various image display modes to detect different types of metal and substances and allows for the differentiation between organic and non-organic materials. The different displays also allow the operator to manipulate the image and isolate a single layer of content within the item being scanned. The systems have the ability to alert the operator to material that may be of particular interest by highlighting the item on the image. These x-ray inspection systems will be used to enhance security for visitors and employees that access Police Headquarters on a daily basis.

The City is seeking a favorable recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the purchase of the two x-ray inspection systems for Jack Evans Police Headquarters. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014.

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SUBJECT Upcoming Agenda Item: Purchase of 911 Call Center Reader Board Display System

The September 24, 2014 Council Agenda includes an item to authorize an acquisition contract for the purchase of a 911 call center reader board display system in the amount of \$100,779 and a four-year service contract for maintenance of the 911 call center reader board display system in the amount of \$51,800 – through Symon Communications DBA as RMG Networks, most advantageous proposer of two – Total not to exceed \$152,579 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations).

The current wall mounted reader boards provide visual displays of the number of 911 calls in queue to call takers, the current wait time and the number of 911 call takers logged in and taking calls. This information is critical to maintaining smooth and efficient operations and optimal response times in the 911 call center, especially during peak call times.

This acquisition contract will provide for the purchase and installation of a 911 call center reader board display system consisting of 6-55in LED-LG displays, 6-Media players, and server licenses that will replace the display system originally installed in 2007. The existing 911 call center reader board hardware is over seven years old, the system software is no longer available, and vendor support services will be discontinued in the very near future.

The new system will also provide additional enhancements and capabilities over the existing legacy system. Some of these benefits include larger and clearer visual displays, compatibility with the current 911 telephone and call management systems, and improved maintenance and support for system components.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



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SUBJECT: Acceptance of the City of Dallas BHZ1414 Consultant Services for Dallas Fire-Rescue Dispatch and EMS

Procurement has awarded the solicitation for a consultant to assist DFR with analysis of its EMS delivery system and associated technology to Fitch & Associates. Fitch will be tasked with developing a 5-year Emergency Medical Services strategic plan for DFR in accordance to industry best practices. Additionally, Fitch will be held responsible for undergoing study of DFR's current dispatch methodologies and technology for the purpose of assisting the department with writing up specifications needed to purchase tiered EMS dispatch software. These components (5-year Strategic Plan and Tiered EMS dispatch software) will assist DFR with continued EMS service delivery without comprising quality to a growing population that continues to place added demand for such resources. The dispatch software program will also aid with appropriate unit dispatches as DFR plans its transition to tiered EMS resource dispatch.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the consultant service contract to Fitch and Associates. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014.

  
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SUBJECT: Medical Direction Service Contract between the City of Dallas and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)

State law requires a Medical Director for pre-hospital care delivered by Emergency Medical Service personnel. The Medical Director provides protocols for paramedics to follow while caring for patients and permits paramedics to operate under his/her license. Section IV of the original contract titled "Terms of Contract" authorizes successive twelve-month renewals, subject to Council approval and funding.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the Medical Director contract to UTSW. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014 as an addendum.

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SUBJECT: Continuing Education Services Contract for existing DFR paramedics between the City of Dallas and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)

State rules require 40 hours of continuing education (CE) training annually for paramedics and 18 hours per year for emergency medical technician-Basics. The continuing education contract provides the City of Dallas with compliance of State laws governing certification of paramedics. Through the contract, UTSW EMS instructors continuing education training for approximately 968 Dallas Fire-Rescue Department paramedics. Training and Paramedic evaluations are conducted on-site at various fire stations.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the Continuing Education contract with UTSW. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014 as an addendum.

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SUBJECT: Council Resolution authorizing the City of Dallas to make payments to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) for initial certification of EMT-Basic and Paramedics during FY2015

State rules establish certification requirements for EMT Basic and Paramedics so that they can perform EMS related duties. EMT Basic training consists of 215 hours of training and Paramedic training consists of 960 hours of training, which includes an Anatomy and Physiology course. This training is provided by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas through the Dallas County Community College District. Through approval of the council resolution, UTSW EMS instructors will provide certification training for approximately 103 EMT Basic and 65 Paramedic Dallas Fire-Rescue Department new hires.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the approval of the council resolution authorizing expenditures to UTSW for initial EMT Basic and Paramedic training. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on September 24, 2014 as an addendum.

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