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WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT



ROBERT G. MATHENY
CHIEF OF POLICE

January 17, 2012

Mr. Robert Herron
City Manager
City of Wheeling
1500 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Mr. Herron:

2012-13 Budget Submission

I am submitting a reasonable request that includes an overall 2.7% increase over the FY 2011-12 Wheeling Police Department Operating Budget. This request includes a 5% pay increase for the outstanding and dedicated employees who include both Police Officers and Civilian Support Personnel. The diligent work of our employees is the main reason that the City has enjoyed a decline in the Crime Rate over the past few years. In fact, the Crime Rate dropped an overwhelming 12.85% last year.

In 2011, calls for service increased by 602, bringing our total to 25,646. That equates to approximately 24 calls per 8-hour shift. Although we are very busy, the Police Department still found time to dedicate and lend its resources to various partnerships in the community. In addition to the Citizens' Police Academy, the Junior Police Academy, National Night Out, and the Neighborhood Watch Groups, we assisted the citizens of Woodsdale in creating a new Watch Program and placed 14 trained Neighborhood Assistant Volunteers on patrol in the City. These Volunteers logged more than 1,000 hours of service to the residents at no cost to the local government.

The Department has received funding from the State of WV, Ohio County Schools, and WV Northern Community College in order to totally fund three additional Police Officer positions. This, in addition to the three previously funded School PRO positions, has created a need for a new unit within the Staff Services Division of the Department. This unit, known as the Youth Outreach Unit, is composed of six Officers and has a presence at Wheeling Park High School, four middle schools, and the campus of WV Northern Community College. These assignments, in addition to eight other positions, are totally funded by outside sources. Those positions include one Highway Safety Coordinator, one Drug Task Force Agent, two CDBG Officers, and four COPS Grant Officers.

I attribute the positive and professional image as well as the many successes of the Police Department to the support of the City government, the City Administration, the citizens of Wheeling, but mostly the men and women of the Department who demonstrate on a daily basis the true meaning of public service and strive each day to reduce fear and

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enhance safety for the residents and visitors of our community. To continue these endeavors requires adequate funding. Public safety needs to be funded at higher levels than ever before in order to maintain and grow with the ever-changing field of technology, state-of-the-art equipment, and basic requirements such as fuel, ammunition, training, supplies, and the list goes on.

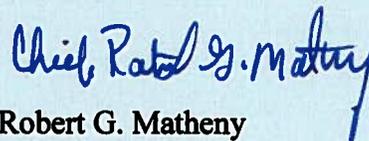
I ask that you carefully consider our Operating Budget requests as well as the Capital Equipment and programs that I have submitted. A Firearms Training Range located in or near the City would drastically reduce the overtime spent in both the mandatory spring and fall qualifications. It would also allow us to expand our Training Program to create a much safer employee as it relates to firearms. The record number of Law Enforcement Officers killed in 2011 (one of whom was a personal friend of mine) brings home the need to train and prepare for these unfortunate situations. This is why I have requested \$40,000 for the development of a Firearms Training Range.

In addition to training, technology continues to grow on a daily basis. We were fortunate to receive a BJA grant to complete an upgrade to some very outdated computer equipment; however, in order to remain current, we need to expand our system at an additional cost of \$25,000.

In late 2012, 47 of the Department's body armor will expire and must be replaced. The BJA will pay 50% of the cost up to an amount of \$6,000 towards the purchase of the vests. Therefore, a total of \$19,850 will be needed to complete the project. I have also asked for the Department shotguns to be replaced in our frontline patrol cars.

I have enclosed our Goals and Objectives for 2012-13, the Line Item Budget Request Form, the Capital Outlay Schedule, the Program Justification Form, and other supporting documents. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information or explanation.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Matheny
Chief of Police

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Enclosures

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT
2012-13
Goals & Objectives

1. To provide employees with the tools, equipment, and training to enhance public safety, maintain peace and order, and reduce fear
 - Provide an honest assessment of our needs and what it will take to maintain our agency
 - Engage employees to become stake holders in the agency
 - Encourage self-evaluation

2. Prevent Crime and maintain a low Crime Rate.
 - Fully staff each Patrol Shift
 - Increase training for Investigative Personnel
 - Hold Supervisors accountable
 - Use GPS programs to evaluate patrol patterns and ensure proper coverage

3. Continue Community Partnerships
 - Neighborhood Watch Meetings
 - Citizens' Police Academy
 - Junior Police Academy
 - Neighborhood Assistant Volunteers (VIPS)

4. Improve Service
 - Meetings between Command Staff and Shift/Unit Commanders
 - Evaluate Staffing Options
 - Employee Training
 - Officer Retention
 - High Employee Morale

**CITY OF WHEELING - DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: POLICE			DEPARTMENT/DIVISION HEAD: ROBERT G. MATHENY			
LINE ITEM (NUMBER & TITLE)	BUDGET CURRENT YEAR	PROPOSED BASE	NEW PROJECTS AND CAPITAL OUTLAY	BUDGET REQUEST	INCREASE/ DECREASE	APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER
Wages Deputy Chief (2) 4700 10 1221	96,624		*Projections based on 5% for 26 pays	97,698	+1,074	
Wages Police Chief 4700 10 1222	63,554			64,260	+706	
Wages Sr. Staff 4700 10 1317	28,705			29,024	+319	
Wages Admin Asst 4700 10 1318	31,564			31,915	+351	
Wages Office Specialist 4700 10 1325	0		+Position reimbursed from H. Safety	10,500	+10,500	
Wages Civ Intake Coord. 4700 10 1328	25,218			25,498	+280	
Wages PO I (15) 4700 10 1508	676,675			531,846	-144,829	
Wages PO II (15) 4700 10 1509	552,660			558,794	+6,134	
Wages SGT (20) 4700 10 1510	833,700			842,961	+9,261	
Wages LT (4) 4700 10 1511	179,924			181,558	+1,634	
Wages Grant Pol. 4700 10 1512	103,000			103,000		
Wages Directed Pat 4700 10 1513	25,000			25,000		
Wages Fairs & Festivals 4700 10 1514	20,000			20,000		
Wages Cross Gds. (3) 4700 10 1516	15,608			15,782	+174	
Wages CPL (15) 4700 10 1518	580,590			587,034	+6,444	
Attendance Bonus 4700 10 1523	44,400			44,400		
Grant PO I (14) 4700 10 1532	200,000			496,390	+296,390	
Canine Comp. 4700 10 1534	16,450			16,450		
Social Security 4700 10 1902	0			0		

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Overtime 4700 10 1903	158,384			161,884	+3,500	
Longevity 4700 10 1905	41,371			41,371		
Pension 4700 10 1907	1,588,783		Projected on 5% raise	1,668,222	+79,439	
Supp. Pension 4700 10 1910	302,751			302,751		
Eye/Dental/Life 4700 10 1920	73,440			79,886	+6,446	
Hosp Ins 4700 10 1921	695,446			695,446		
Medicare 4700 10 1924	50,788			50,788		
Comm Maint 4700 20 2115	40,000			50,000	+10,000	
Copy Machine 4700 20 2116	3,000			3,000		
Equip Maint 4700 20 2124	16,000			20,000	+4,000	
Harley MC Maint 4700 20 2125	11,000			11,000		
Investigations 4700 20 2132	5,000			10,000	+5,000	
Insurance 4700 20 2134	150,601			150,601		
Membership 4700 20 2138	2,000			2,000		
Parking 4700 20 2143	1,500			1,500		
Tech Ref 4700 20 2149	7,000			15,000	+8,000	
Travel 4700 20 2153	15,000			15,000		
Training 4700 20 2162	25,500			25,500		
New Hires - Training 4700 20 2163	15,000			15,000		
Utilities 4700 20 2167	2,500			2,500		

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Worker's Comp. 4700 20 2171	70,053			70,053		
Telephone LD 4700 20 2173	5,000			8,000	+3,000	
Postage 4700 20 3146	2,500			2,500		
Drug Task Force Match 4700 20 3147	7,500			7,500		
K-9 Maintenance 4700 20 3148	10,000			15,000	+5,000	
SWAT Team Exp. 4700 20 3149	20,000			20,000		
Damaged Clothing 4700 30 2110	6,500			10,000	+3,500	
Cloth. Allowance 4700 30 2112	50,000			50,000		
Bullet Proof 4700 30 2114	10,000		*Cost partially offset by Bullet Proof Vest Program	11,300	+1,300	
Ammo/Targets 4700 30 3102	15,000			15,000		
Gas-Diesel-Oil 4700 30 3124	110,000			150,000	+40,000	
Office Supplies 4700 30 3135	15,000			15,000		
Photo-Fingerprint 4700 30 3140	5,000			5,000		
Traffic Supplies 4700 30 3179	6,000			6,000		
DARE Supplies 4700 30 3180	2,000			2,000		
Police Leases 2009-10 4976 40 9068	61,395			0	-61,395	
Police Leases 2010-11 4976 40 9085	65,513			65,513		
Police Leases 2011-12 4976 40 9087	72,400			86,356	+13,956	
Police Leases 2012-13 4976 40 XXXX	0			56,337	+56,337	

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012-13 BUDGET INCREASE EXPLANATION

Personnel/Wages (Various Line Items)

All positions reflect a 5% pay increase.

Personnel

- **Office Specialist (4700 10 1325)** – Increase of \$10,500 for civilian assistant for Highway Safety – (grant funded)
- **PO I (4700 10 1508)** – **Decrease** of \$144,829 to accurately reflect the wages for 15 positions in this rank
- **Grant PO I (4700 10 1532)** – Increase of \$296,390 to accurately reflect the wages for the 14 grant-funded PO I positions that include the two PRO's and the one CLO added in the 2011-12 Fiscal Year @ \$101,304

Medical [Hospitalization (4700 10 1921) & Eye/Dental/Life (4700 10 1920)]

Figures reflect calculation based on information from HR

Overtime (4700 10 1903)

Increase of \$3,500 to assist with the overtime used to support a full-time Car #5

Communication Maintenance (4700 20 2115)

Increase of \$10,000 to help defray the cost of modern technology being used within the department

Equipment Maintenance (4700 20 2124)

Increase of \$4,000 to help with the increasing cost of care for the equipment used to operate the department

Investigations (4700 20 2132)

Increase of \$5,000 to support the items needed to carry out the mission of the Detective Unit

Tech Ref & Service (4700 20 2149)

Increase of \$8,000 to support the connectivity devices (air cards), routers, and switches needed to link the in-car computers and record management system to headquarters as well as maintain the GPS units for the patrol cars

Telephone-LD Charges (4700 20 2173)

Increase of \$3,000 to meet the needs of current telephone and internet line charges

K-9 Maintenance (4700 20 3148)

Increase of \$5,000 to continue participation in the MHIT (Mountaineer Highway Interdiction Team) Drug Reduction Program on I-70 and I-470 with the use of our additional K-9 Team

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2012-13 BUDGET INCREASE EXPLANATION**

Damaged Clothing Repair (4700 30 2110)

Increase of \$3,500 to continue our cleaning service with a local business due to an increase in usage

Gas-Diesel-Oil (4700 30 3124)

Increase of \$40,000 to cover the high cost of fuel
Over the past few years this line item is always underfunded.

**CITY OF WHEELING
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT OUTLAY SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

**DEPARTMENT: POLICE
DIVISION:
FUND: GENERAL FUND**

Description	No. of Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Trade-in Value	Net Cost	Priority	Justification/Explanation
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bullet Proof Vest Replacement	47	\$550	\$25,850	\$6,000 (Grant)	\$19,850	1	Vests are ready to expire.
Annual Vehicle Replacement	5 1	\$26,900 \$31,195	\$165,695		\$165,695	2	Fleet Replacement Program and SUV
Shotguns	8	\$750	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	3	Replace outdated shotguns with new Remington 870's equipped with night-rifle sights to be placed in the front-line cars

*Number the priorities starting with 1 being the first priority, 2 the second priority and so on. There should only be one item per priority.

**CITY OF WHEELING
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

**DEPARTMENT: POLICE
DIVISION:
FUND: GENERAL FUND (VARIOUS ACCOUNTS LISTED)**

PROGRAM	COST	PRIORITY	JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION
1	2	3	4
Firearms Training Range	\$40,000	1	To enhance firearms Training Unit and eliminate overtime by qualifying officers during regular work hours – In time this project will pay for itself.
Technology/RMS Update	\$25,000	2	Fifteen (15) desktop replacements @ \$800 each plus \$200 installation – eight (8) I-pads @ \$625 each to be used with our Records Management System and Accident ReportBeam, necessary routers and switches to complete the connectivity project to improve the use of our MDT's

Number the priorities starting with 1 being the first priority, 2 the second priority, and so on. There should only be one item per priority.



WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Duwane Taylor
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2012 Vehicle Budget request:

We purchased one Dodge Charger in 2010 and six Dodge Chargers in 2012. We are pleased with the overall performance that the Chargers provide our Department. I am recommending that our department purchase Charger for patrol Division. Our department will have to fit the Charger with new gear since the Crown Vic will not adapt.

Dodge Charger	\$24,00000
Setina 10-S with full lower kick plate and extension panel	\$ 400.00
18" consolidator Console (complete)	\$ 800.00
Light package	\$ 1,200.00
Computers brackets	\$ 500.00
Total per Vehicle	\$26,900.00
Total X5	\$134,500.00
Dodge Durango	\$28,995.00
Consolidator console	\$ 1,000.00
Light package	\$ 1,200.00
Total per Vehicle	\$31,195.00

Total Purchase \$165,695.00

Thank you for the attention to the above

Very truly yours,

Sgt. Duwane Taylor

Chief Matheny

From: Chief Matheny [chiefmatheny@wheelingpd.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 12:13 PM
To: kgrimes@wheelingpd.com
Cc: Robert Matheny
Subject: Salaries 2012-13 Budget

PO I & Grant PO I has been changed. THANKS!

From: Chief Matheny [chiefmatheny@wheelingpd.com]
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 12:23 PM
To: 'kgrimes@wheelingpd.com'
Subject: Salaries 2012-13 Budget

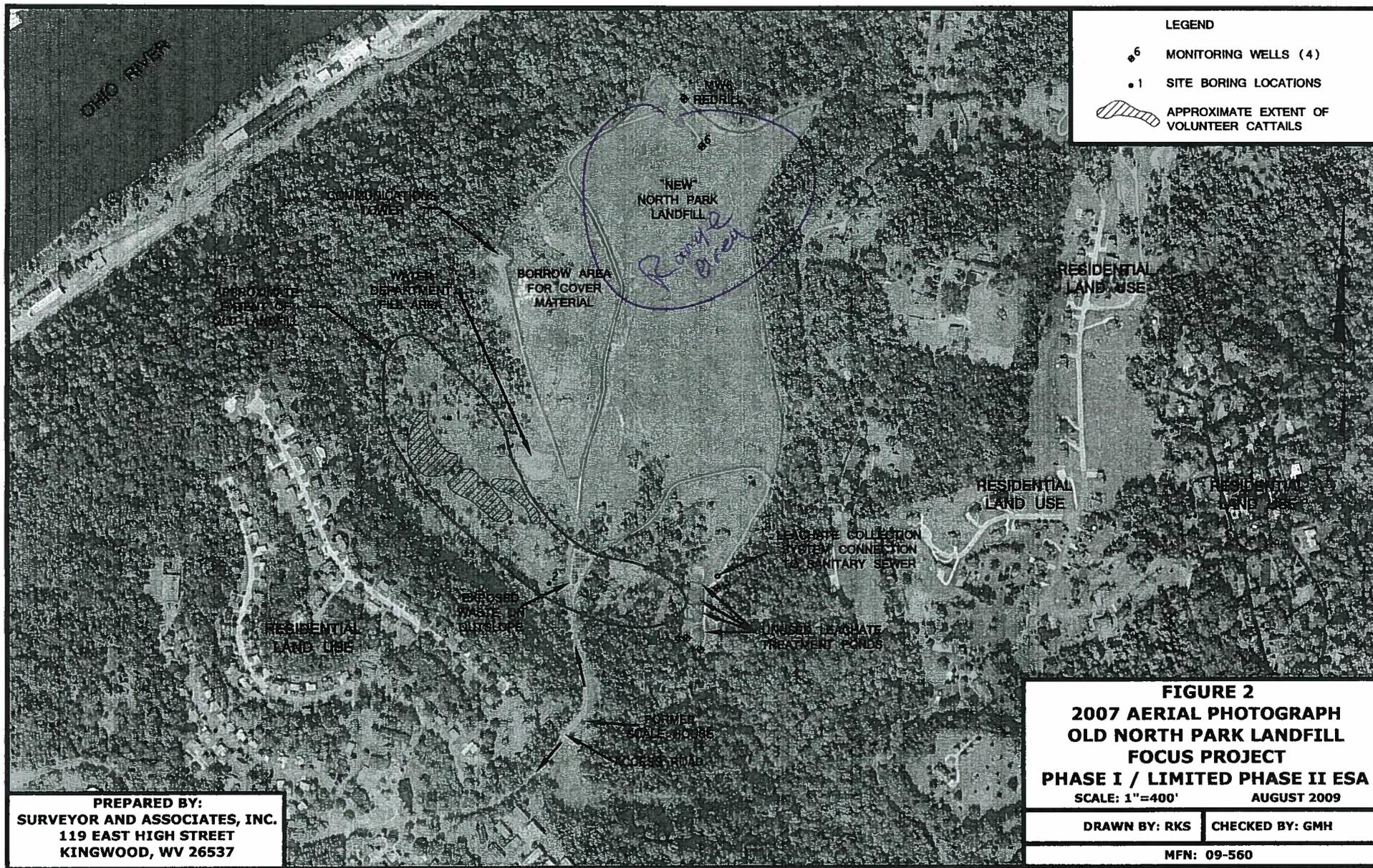
Chief	(1)	\$61,200.00	with 5% increase of	\$3060.00	\$64260.00
Deputy Chiefs	(2)	\$93046.00	with 5% increase of	\$4652.00	\$97698.00
Lieutenants	(4)	\$172912.00	with 5% increase of	\$8645.00	\$181558.00
Sergeants	(20)	\$802820.00	with 5% increase of	\$40141.00	\$842961.00
Corporals	(15)	\$559080.00	with 5% increase of	\$27954.	\$587034.00
PO II	(15)	\$532185.00	with 5% increase of	\$26609.00	\$558794.00
PO I	(15)	\$506520.00	with 5% increase of	\$25326.00	\$531846.00
Grant PO I	(14)	\$472752.00	with 5% increase of	\$23638.00	\$496390.00
Senior Staff Assc.		\$27642.00	with 5% increase of	\$1382.00	\$29024.00
Admin. Asst.		\$30395.00	with 5% increase of	\$1520.00	\$31915.00
Office Specl.		\$10000.00	with 5% increase of	\$500.00	\$10500.00
Civ. Intk. Cord.		\$24284.00	with 5% increase of	\$1214.00	\$25498.00
Cross. Guards		\$15030.00	with 5% increase of	\$752.00	\$15782.00

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**** PRICE QUOTE ****

Wheeling Police Department
1500 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

QUOTE DATE: 1/16/2012
QUOTE NUMBER: 0011345
CUSTOMER NO: 00-WPD

ATTN: Robert G. Matheny

CONSULTANT: David Hodorowski

ITEM	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	EXTENSION
Hardware Purchased Directly from HP State and Local Pricelist:				
HP TouchSmart Elite 7320 AIO	EACH	1.00	1,021.00	1,021.00
with Windows 7 Pro 64-bit OS, Intel Core i5-2400S Processor, 21.5" Diagonal Touch-Enabled Widescreen full HD1 display with webcam and stereo speakers, 8GB RAM, 500 GB hard drive, HP wireless keyboard and mouse, HP Wlan802.11bgn Mini Card, 3-years parts, labor and onsite standard service.				
Cisco 2960G 48-port Switch	EACH	1.00	4,153.00	4,153.00
MS Office Standard 2010 LIC	EACH	25.00	372.00	9,300.00
Startech Parallel Print Server	EACH	1.00	47.00	47.00
Startech USB Print Server	EACH	1.00	45.00	45.00

Installation and/or configuration time, if applicable, will be billed on a time and material basis.

TOTAL 14,566.00

Chief Matheny

From: Sgt. Duwane Taylor [dtaylor@wheelingpd.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Chief Matheny
Subject: FW: Trackstar Software and Server Pricing

From: Todd Morrison [mailto:tmorrison@staleycom.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 11:36 AM
To: Sgt. Duwane Taylor
Cc: Chip Calissie
Subject: Trackstar Software and Server Pricing

Budgetary ONLY. Pricing may change.

Please note after the first year it costs \$1,080 every year to license vehicles. If you add or remove units, it's \$90 per year per license.

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Track Star AVLS Client Software on DVD ROM – concurrent user	3	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
Track Star AVLS Server Application – Starter Edition for fleets up to 20 Vehicles	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Map License & Software Maintenance Fee – ANNUALLY RECURRING – 1 required for each vehicle	12	\$ 90.00	\$1,080.00
PowerEdge R210 II Server - 2.60 GHz Dual Core, 4 GB Memory, 500 GB HD, Server 2008 R2 64 bit	1	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Installation/Configuration of Software on Server. Program 12 Modems to send GPS data	12	\$ 125.00	\$1,500.00
		Total:	\$6,680.00

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ATTACHING PHOTOS TO REPORTS

CURRENT PROCEDURE

Pictures are taken with a digital camera that is issued at the beginning of the shift. When a report is taken that requires pictures to be taken, an officer takes the pictures with a camera that contains an SD card inside. Once the report is taken the officer takes the camera back to Headquarters and removes the SD card. The SD card is placed into a clear plastic bag stating what is contained inside, case number, and case title. Then the officer fills out an evidence sheet and attaches it to the evidence then places it in an evidence locker. The next day a Detective removes the SD card from the evidence locker and attaches them to the report.

Problems that arise with this method are sometimes not enough cameras are available for all units on shift. If a unit does not have a camera when a report requires pictures to be taken another unit is called to bring a camera. That takes another unit from its patrol area and causes both to lose time patrolling their beats. Additionally sometimes not enough SD card are available to officers. If a busy weekend arises and the SD can all be logged into evidence, they will not be available until downloaded by the Detective division Monday morning. Dead batteries have been a problem as well. Once the equipment manager leaves for the day batteries are not accessible until he returns the next day.

Benefits to having the tablet are pictures can be taken with a tablet. The tablets will have our reporting system on them so the pictures can be attached directly to the report. We can cut the time it takes to log SD cards into evidence and having the Detectives download them. Tablets are rechargeable so it would cut the need for batteries. Every patrol officer would be issued one so it would eliminate the need for other units to bring a camera when one isn't available saving time for the responding unit waiting on a camera and saving patrol time for the unit bringing the camera.

TAKING INFORMATION AT SCENE

CURRENT PROCEDURE

On scene officers currently write everything down by hand then go back to Headquarters to type the report in a computer.

This procedure can be improved by having tablets on scene. The tablets will have our reporting system on them. Officers will be able to type the information needed into the report while on scene. Officers will also be able to see information on related reports and information about the victim and suspect they are currently speaking with. If a victim or suspect is lying about his/her identity officers will have advantage if their information is already in our system. Officers would have access to past arrestees photographs on scene and prior arrest information. Officers could also take pictures of found suspects on a scene or when officers locate a suspect that had fled to be later reviewed by witness, victims, or evidence as in placing a suspect in the area near the time of the crime.

PROCESSING ARRESTS

CURRENT PROCEDURE

Arrestee is transported to Headquarters where he/she is taken from the cruiser into Headquarters in the processing room. In the processing room only one computer is available. The arrestee is asked for his name and other information where it is entered into the computer. The arrestee is then finger printed and photographed. Then the arrest is taken to the WVNRJ.

This procedure can be improved with tablets by being able to start the arresting process while en route to Headquarters. Arrest data could be entered into our system en route Headquarters saving time in the processing room. Multiple arrests would be able to be processed at once because everyone has a tablet to process their arrest instead of waiting until another officer done. On many occasions officers have multiple arrestees in the processing room and being able to process more than one at a time would save time, allowing officers to return to patrolling their beat sooner after an arrest is made. Officers could also take a picture with the tablet attaching it directly to the arrestee's profile. This would be beneficial in a situation where officers need to transport an arrestee directly to the WVNRJ due to unruliness, and violent behavior toward officers. Once inside the jail officers could take a picture for identification purposes and attached it to the arrestee's profile.

COMMUNICATION

CURRENT PROCEDURE

Officers communicate via radio and use "scramble" to deliver private information over the air.

Problems – information over the air can be picked up by scanners. Scramble is sometimes difficult to understand and sometimes does not work in some units.

The benefits to having tablets are they can communicate silently with each other via an application. Valuable information can be given to officers from each other. Officers can share known violent tendencies, suspect information on a crime, false names, known warrants, known drug use, etc. without the suspect knowing that officers have received this information. This could possible save an officer's life if one knows of violent tendencies that another officer does not.

CONCLUSION

Having tablets could eliminate the need for desktops in the report typing area and processing room. All reports could be done in the car or if officers have too many reports to complete in car they could use the tablets at a docking station at Headquarters to be able to type faster. Having tablets would help officers do their job more efficiently by saving time on reports and processing arrests. Tablets would also give officers more information at their fingertips while on a scene making it possible to solve crimes faster and keeping them safer.

ACER ICONIA TAB W500P-BZ841 32 GB - WIN 7 PROFESSIONAL 16Hz
bundled w/ docking station.

B+H Photo-Video - Audio - \$ 574.95

Buy.com \$ 574.99

Proantage - \$ 570.77

Best buy - \$ 663.39

Amazon - \$ 604.98

Walmart - \$ 648.30

K Mart \$ 628.03



OVERVIEW:

Remington tactical shotguns are rugged, ultra-dependable and continually evolve as they're called to serve in new, increasingly demanding environments. Built on our legendary pump action that's become the gold standard for high-risk applications, the Model 870™ Express Tactical has a quickpointing 18 1/2" barrel and includes our extended ported Tactical Rem Choke. It packs a full 7 rounds of 2 3/4" or 3" 12-gauge firepower with the factoryinstalled 2-shot extension.

The Model 870™ Express® Tactical with XS® Ghost Ring Sights is optimized for rapid target acquisition and precise shot placement with the XS blade sight and XS Ghost Ring sight rail (fully adjustable for windage and elevation), which accepts optics and sight systems as well. Both models have black synthetic stocks and fore-ends with sling swivel studs. Receivers are drilled and tapped.

KEY FEATURES:

18 1/2" tactical barrel with XS® front blade sight RC Tactical (ext/ported tube)