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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Chief of Police, Mike Bell
Re: Live Scan Fingerprint Machine
Date: August 5, 2019

BACKGROUND

Currently, the State of Oklahoma requires all police departments to fingerprint certain arrested citizens for specific crimes. There is a list of these crimes kept within the booking area of our department.

Our department also provides fingerprinting service to citizens who require prints to be completed as part of their employment background, or state required background checks. This includes teachers, security guards, law enforcement new hires, communications officers, and weapon permits to name a few.

Our department is currently using the ink and roll method when obtaining these prints, although this is considered an approved method through the State of Oklahoma it is not the most efficient method. Each month we process between 25 to 40 print cards which are mailed into OSBI and then entered into AFIS once reviewed and approved.

The problem with the ink and roll is the officer has no idea if the prints will be accepted until after they are returned from OSBI stating a reason for the rejection. Most often the rejection is due to the print being too light (not readable). For the criminal prints once rejected there is very little inconvenience, but for the citizens who require prints for their background, it requires them to return with new cards and additional cost in order to be reprinted. On the average our department must reprint between 4 to 5 cards per 14 days period.

If allowed to purchase the new LIVESCAN machine, which was included in our 2019-2020 budget, it would eliminate these reprints and inconvenience to our citizens altogether and allow our department to receive instant felony hits on criminals wanted throughout the country. This machine will be purchased through a single-source company and will be in compliance with OSBI, AFIS, FBI, and ANSI/NIST. It allows the officer to print a subject and receive a confirmed compliance on each print before sending it electronically to OSBI.

The system which our department is requesting is the only total unit being used throughout the State of Oklahoma as it comes from a sole source company that has been approved by the FBI, OSBI and the State of Oklahoma. It comes as a total package which you may review of the attached documents describing the total package. Currently Wagoner PD, Sheriff's Office, Broken Arrow and many others in this area utilize the Live Scan machine which they purchase through Idemia with no reported problems.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this purchase and allow the City Manager to sign all required documents.

ATTACHMENTS

Agreement