

Appleton Police Department

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Date: June 20, 2022

To: CEA Committee

From: Lieutenant Todd Peters

Subject: Mobile Command Center Replacement

The current Police Department Mobile Command Center (MCC) was manufactured in 2001 and purchased by the city in 2008 to replace an aging vehicle that was no longer functional as an MCC. Because of how we now manage critical incidents and special events, the space within the current MCC is insufficient. Additionally, the MCC cannot adequately support the technology needs of current systems, and upgrades would be cost prohibitive.

Recognizing that the purchase of such an important vehicle requires careful thought and research, we began to consider and price potential MCC candidates. It became immediately apparent that the complexity and features of a dedicated MCC to meet the city's needs for the next 15 years exceeded the replacement budget of \$249,666 by at least 50%. Our research of new manufactured MCC's ranged between \$450,000 - \$540,000. This did not include radios and other technology needs required to meet current demands. In the interest of melding functionality and price, we began to research the possibility of a joint purchase with Outagamie County Sheriff's Department. They, too, identified a need for a MCC as their current vehicle would not support the complexities associated with natural disasters, special events and other critical incidents requiring the National Incident Management System and a Unified Command Structure. In today's fiscal setting, we also realized through research that a used MCC was not a practical or fiscal solution. Units that do exist are often comparable to our current unit-at the end of their functional life.

A combined purchase with Outagamie County would allow for the acquisition of a new MCC to sufficiently meet the needs of our community for at least the next 15 years. This combined purchase helps to preserve the city's investment in a state-of-the-art MCC to greatly improve scene management and ultimately the outcome of incidents. A new MCC brings the unified incident command team together into a secured, safe, comfortable area for planning, decision-making and coordinating. In addition, the proposed MCC would include technology advancements to support the components of a 911 center to supplement the existing facility operated by Outagamie County.

Outagamie County has committed the funds for their portion of this project. The City of Appleton and the police department have existing memberships with Omnia Partners and have identified Farber Specialty Vehicles as the preferred vendor for this project. Extensive work has been completed with the Farber sales team to identify the MCC platform that will meet the collective needs of the City of Appleton and Outagamie County. A sales quote has been sent to our respective agencies and principally agreed upon. Utilizing Omnia Partners, the city of Appleton Police Department would purchase the MCC. Guidelines would be established through an inter-agency MOU with Outagamie County regarding shared costs associated with routine and preventative maintenance, use, storage, insurance, and other related expenses. It is anticipated that Outagamie County will be responsible for maintenance of the MCC. A proposed MOU would be like the one currently on file between the City of Appleton and Outagamie County involving the joint acquisition and maintenance of the Caimon Multi-Theater Vehicle (MTV).

The MCC would be stored at the sheriff's department headquarters located at 3030 Goodland Drive in the City of Appleton. The OUSO facility provides a climate-controlled environment and secure 24/7 controlled access. The dimensions of the vehicle would preclude it from being stored at the Appleton Police Department.

This proposal would include removing the MCC from CEA. A replacement cycle of at least 15 years would be based upon a regional funding model involving the City of Appleton, Outagamie County, and possibly other regional partners.

The Appleton Police Department and Outagamie County Sheriff’s Department have a proven history of collaboration and cost sharing involving specialized equipment and other resources. The joint acquisition would allow our agencies to invest in a state-of-the art MCC allowing for the efficient and cost-effective management of emergency, non-emergency, and special events throughout our communities.

City of Appleton – Outagamie County Shared Cost Proposal

Source	Budget Allocation	Add'l Allocation for technology needs	Total Contribution
City of Appleton	\$249,666		\$249,666
Outagamie County	\$249,666	**\$46,956	\$296,622
TOTAL	\$499,332	\$46,956	\$546,288
Farber Specialty Vehicles Omnia Partners Quote			\$475,301

** The additional allocation of funds from OUSO would be applied to the investment of technology (connectivity involving applications for voice, video, and data) to support the existing platform.