

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2009
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Emmett H. Harmon, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Grant Award – Department of Criminal Justice Services – \$42,032

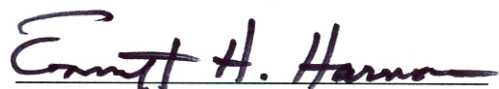
The James City County Police Department has been awarded a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in the amount of \$42,032. The grant requires no local match. The funds are to be used to purchase two Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) and 16 copies of terminal emulation software.

The ALPR is a camera system mounted on a patrol vehicle, which allows for real-time scanning, recording, and processing of passing and approaching vehicle license plates. The system is networked with the Virginia State Police (VSP) and instantly compares the plate with those established in the VSP database. The system allows for detection of stolen vehicles, stolen license plates, and vehicles associated with missing persons, Amber alerts, the Terrorist Watch List, and other vehicles that may be associated with crimes or of interest to law enforcement for various other circumstances.


The terminal emulation software will allow the Police Department's Investigators to access outside data sources, such as the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), and Local Inmate Data Systems (LIDS), directly from their desktops. Because white-collar crimes such as money laundering and identification fraud have become the means for terrorist cells to exist in the United States, access to these data sources will increase the capability of investigators to conduct thorough criminal investigations.

LETPP is funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and administered through DCJS to assist local law enforcement agencies in preventing or responding to potential acts of terrorism. The James City County Police Department has received several LETPP grants over the last five years allowing for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for officers as well as the purchase of other tactical equipment such as entry equipment and a specialized response vehicle.

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution.


Emmett H. Harmon

CONCUR:


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