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**PURCHASING ITEM
FOR
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

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2. Council Meeting Date:

May 28, 2015

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: May 14, 2015

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: Police

5. **SUBJECT:** Purchase of a gas chromatograph to be used by the Forensic Services Section for the analysis of blood for alcohol content.

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends City Council approve the purchase of a gas chromatograph from Agilent Technologies, to be used for the analysis of blood for alcohol content, in the amount of \$83,578.61.

7. BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Chandler Police Department Forensic Services Section analyzes blood for alcohol content in support of DUI enforcement. The Forensic Services Section is committed to providing quality blood alcohol analysis. The two instruments currently utilized for this analysis were funded in 2008 by grants received from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and the Arizona DUI Abatement Council. Since that time, there have been over 12,000 samples from DUI cases analyzed on these instruments. Recently, both of these blood alcohol instruments were out of service for an extended period of time resulting in cases being delayed as well as some cases being sent to Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab for analysis. The Forensic Services Section has been awarded grant funds for a replacement instrument from the AZ GOHS. Purchasing this new instrument will ensure continued support of DUI enforcement with reliable instrumentation to maintain a high level of quality analysis that can be relied upon by the criminal justice system.

8. **EVALUATION:** The City received a grant in the amount of \$83,578.61 from GOHS for the purchase of one gas chromatograph. The GOHS grant requires the gas chromatograph to be the Agilent brand, and the only source to purchase this brand is directly from Agilent Technologies. The pricing for this instrument has been discounted by approximately 20%.

9. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Funding for the gas chromatograph is available in the amount of \$83,578.61 in account 217-2021-6320 (GOHS- Grant Forensic Services – Other Equipment).

10. **PROPOSED MOTION:** Move City Council approve the purchase of a gas chromatograph from Agilent Technologies, to be used for the analysis of blood for alcohol content, in the amount of \$83,578.61.

APPROVALS

11. Requesting Department

Rita Dyas, Forensic Services Manager

13. Department Head

Sean Duggan, Chief of Police

12. Procurement Officer

Carolee Stees

14. City Manager

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