

July 18, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Charles P. Potucek, City Manager
Kennie Downing, Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Adam D. Thrasher, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Request for agenda item placement Resolution 2022-056, Donation of forensic computer equipment to Cochise County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation:

The City Manager recommends approval.
The Chief Procurement Officer recommends approval.
The Chief of Police recommends approval.

Background:

For years the Sierra Vista Police Department has taken a regional approach to the investigation and prosecution of internet crimes against children and other criminal activity related to the internet. The department participates in several task forces and partnerships related to these crimes and other forensic programs related to cellular telephones and computers. To assist in these investigations the department purchased a forensic computer called a Forensic Recovery of Evidence device (FRED) with civilian grant funding in 2010.

Over the last 10 years the department began investigating cases in conjunction with the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children (AZICAC) task force and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). In addition, the department formed a relationship with the United States Secret Service (USSS) which provides free training and equipment in computer forensics. Since 2013, the department has benefited from this extensive training and over \$125,000 worth of equipment and software because of these partnerships.

As a result, the department currently has four newer devices which perform the functions of the original forensic computer purchased in 2010. The Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) have expressed a desire to accept the department's old forensic computer as a donation to enhance their own computer

forensics investigations. The department recommends the council approve the donation to CCSO to further enhance regional efforts in these investigations.

The forensic computer consists of a tower style computer with write blocking device and four (4) "Hot Swap" drive bays (S/N F010C033632). The device includes upgraded RAM and several drives in the hot swap bays. Current estimated value is approximately \$2,000.

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

None.

RESOLUTION 2022-056

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA: AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO DONATE A FORENSIC RECOVERY EVIDENCE DEVICE AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista has donated surplus equipment in the past to help its neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City has a surplus Forensic Recovery Evidence Device (forensic computer) to donate to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Cochise County Sheriff's Office and regional partners can realize tremendous benefit from obtaining the computer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

The policy of the City of Sierra Vista relating to the donation of surplus items to our neighbors, when feasible and appropriate to do so, is hereby reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the donation of a Forensic Recovery Evidence Device (forensic computer) to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. The City is donating the device as is, with no guarantees or warranties.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2022.

Frederick W. Mueller
Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:

Nathan J. Williams
City Attorney

Jill Adams
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Adam D. Thrasher, Chief of Police