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**Chief of Police**



**Key West**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

**DATE:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**RE:** Authorize the purchase of a Direct Link Bridge Series Video Throw Phone in the amount of \$20,578.15 from Enforcement Technologies Group pursuant to GSA Purchasing contract #GS-07-0015M

**Action Statement:**

This resolution authorizes the purchase of a Direct Link Bridge Series Video Throw Phone in the amount of \$20,578.15 from Enforcement Technologies Group pursuant to GSA Purchasing contract #GS-07-0015M effective through 09/30/2021. This purchase is authorized and made pursuant to City Ordinance 2-797(3)(a)(b)(c) and 2-844(a).

**Background:**

The Key West Police Department utilizes a trained Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) to assist our Special Response Team (SRT) both of who are on continuous standby to respond to hostage or barricaded subject incidents. Both of these teams have proven invaluable in bringing a peaceful resolution to critical incidents ensuring the safety of law enforcement personnel, citizens, and the suspect(s) involved. The Enforcement Technologies Direct Link Crisis Phone being purchased by the department is a critical piece of equipment used by the CNT Team during negotiations to provide direct secure communication with the suspect(s) and provide audio/video intelligence of the premises involved to negotiators, SRT members and Command Staff. Their phone contains features, components, and capabilities in one platform not found in other less sophisticated throw phones. Enforcement Technologies is the manufacturer and sole source provider for this phone and is under the GSA Purchasing Contract.



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**Purpose and Justification:**

A Crisis Response Video Throw Phone System is a common and critical component while conducting any type of crisis negotiations. They are in use by departments nationwide. The Enforcement Technologies Direct Link Crisis Phone is currently used by numerous federal, state, county, and local agencies including the Hollywood PD, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Pembroke Pines PD, and Plantation PD to name a few. This updated model is replacing our current Enforcement Technologies Phone that is over 20 years old and lacks most, if not all the new features and technological updates contained in the new Bridge System Throw Phone. (see attached specifications).

**Financial Impact:**

Funding for purchase of the Direct Link Bridge Series Video Throw Phone is included in the FY 16/17 Police Department Budget in machinery and equipment, account #101-2102-521-6400.



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