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Agenda Title:

Approval to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police for a reimbursement grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for the purchase of in vehicle laptop computers.

ISSUE: The Smyrna Police Department was contacted by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) and made aware of a \$20,000 reimbursement grant to be used for purchasing in vehicle laptop computers. A part of this agreement is that the Smyrna Police Department agrees to send electronically, all vehicle crash reports, to the Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting Center (GEARS). In doing so, those persons wishing to download a copy of a vehicle crash report may do so for a fee. Smyrna residents may continue to come to Police Headquarters and retrieve a copy of any incident or accident report at no charge.

BACKGROUND: Historically, Smyrna Police has been printing and mailing copies of vehicle crash reports to GEARS as well as making crash reports available at the records desk inside Police Headquarters. Once the crash reports were mailed to GEARS, the reports were not available for electronic download until GEARS scanned the paper reports and placed them into the database. Furthermore, Smyrna Police has never collected reimbursement from GEARS for reports purchased through their portal. By entering into this agreement, the Smyrna Police Department has the opportunity to electronically send crash reports to GEARS for immediate availability for download and will also be reimbursed a fee for each report that is downloaded and purchased through their portal. Smyrna Police will realize decreased costs in printing and postage costs as well as benefit from the reimbursement of \$20,000 to be used to purchase in vehicle laptop computers. Smyrna residents who are involved in a vehicle crash will still have the ability to obtain crash reports at no cost by coming into Police Headquarters to retrieve a copy.

RECOMMENDATION/REQUESTED ACTION: The Chief of Police and Staff recommend entering into this agreement

