



Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum

Date: June 20, 2023

To: Mayor Chip Wilson and City Council

From: Chief Michael Pooley

Subject: Contract with Safeware, Inc. for purchase of a Mobile Command Center van.

The Apache Junction Police Department has formally asked to use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") to purchase a Mobile Command Vehicle ("MCV"). The city auditor has approved the request to use ARPA funds to acquire the MCV, which costs \$1,787,302.16. This new MCV will replace our current one that is over 20 years old.

Below are several key advantages offered by the MCV:

1. Enhanced coordination and communication with internal and external law enforcement partners.
2. On-site emergency incident management.
3. Advanced technology and equipment made available at any location necessary.
4. Mobile crime labs and evidence processing.
5. Rapid deployment and flexibility to urban and remote areas.
6. Mobile incident command post.
7. Support for Search and Rescue Operations.
8. Public Relations and Media Management.

The primary role of a MCV is to help during active public safety emergencies and operations, such as major criminal investigations, natural disasters, special events, and rescue operations. MCVs serve as pivotal assets in bolstering emergency response capabilities, facilitating enhanced communication, and enabling efficient incident management. Their mobility and advanced technology render them indispensable tools for public safety agencies.

The purchase of this specialty vehicle will allow the Apache Junction Police Department to continue to be in line with other law enforcement agencies across the country. Thank you for your consideration.