

Date: September 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor Chip Wilson and City Council

**From:** Chief Michael Pooley

**Subject:** Contract with VirTra to purchase a V-300 VirTra training simulator.

The Apache Junction Police Department formally requests authorization to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase a V-300 VirTra training simulator in the amount of \$341,912.98.

The new VirTra training system will replace our current Milo training simulator which is over 10 years old and does not function properly. It was given to us by the Gilbert Police Department when they upgraded to the VirTra system. Due to the age of the Milo system, the company does not have the parts to properly fix and upgrade the software.

The V-300 is a five-screen training simulator that will provide our officers a 300-degree view of real-life scenarios to better train them on tactics and judgement. This training simulator will allow our officers to practice responding to realistic scenarios while responding to various stimuli in a safe environment.

By investing in this advanced training technology, the Apache Junction Police Department will align itself with best practices observed in law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Thank you for considering this important request.