



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
March 25, 2021

Department Police

Director Approval Chief Jerry Harrison

AGENDA ITEM Consider authorizing a transfer of property agreement with Homeland Security for anti-crash barriers received through a Preparedness Grant

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Police department staff recommend the commission approve IPD to sign a contract accepting anti-crash barriers from Homeland Security.

BACKGROUND The Southeast Region Kansas Homeland Security Council applied and received funding to purchase anti-crash barriers. IPD requested to take possession of the barriers to be utilized during special events to prevent vehicle-borne attacks. The barriers are designed to prevent attacks like the the Oklahoma State Homecoming Parade Attack that killed one and injured 37 in October, 2015.

IPD is responsible for the public safety of five parades annually, the largest being the Neewollah Grand Parade. These items could also be used for other events that are held on city streets. The barriers are transported by a trailer which is included. The total value of the grant funded equipment is \$83,521.45. There is a plan to place a second set of barriers in Crawford County and two more sets are on future year budgets to be placed in our region. If the project proceeds as planned IPD will have access to four total barrier systems consisting of nine barricades and four drop-bed trailers along with all accessories to deploy the barricades. All agreements require each agency to share the equipment on request. If the project continues to be funded IPD would eventually have access to 36 total barriers enabling us to block about 18 lane widths total. Depending on the road width, two barricades can block one lane of traffic. The City of Independence will be obligated to maintain, insure, and accept liability for the use of one set of the barriers. These are being funded from a grant and not City funds are required other than adding this to our liability policy.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to authorize Independence Police Department to sign the transfer of property agreement with Homeland Security for anti-crash barriers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Transfer of Property Agreement
2. Archer 1200 Specification Sheet