

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No. 184-2015

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale of surplus mobile video trailers to the Baltimore City Police Department.

Introduced and read first time December 7, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on December 21, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council

on January 4, 2016.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 4.129 of the Howard County Code authorizes the County
2 Purchasing Agent, with the approval of the County Executive and the County Council, to sell or
3 lease surplus supplies to the State or any political subdivision or agency of the State, or to the
4 Federal Government upon such terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems
5 proper; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services acquired six ASTI Mobile
8 Video Trailers, including four trailers with VIN# CT705, CT706, CT707, CT709; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the mobile video trailers were acquired with additional Urban Area
11 Security Initiative grant funds specifically reallocated to Howard County for this acquisition and
12 were intended for regional use, with two trailers to stay with the Baltimore City Police
13 Department and two trailers to be stored with that department but available to other jurisdictions
14 in the region; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the four mobile video trailers are not needed for County purposes; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services has requested the County
19 Purchasing Agent to authorize the sale of the four mobile video trailers to the Baltimore City
20 Police Department upon such terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems
21 proper; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has approved the sale of the four surplus mobile
24 video trailers to the Baltimore City Police Department upon such terms and conditions as the
25 County Purchasing Agent deems proper.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,
28 Maryland this 4th day of January, 2016 that it approves the sale of the four mobile video
29 trailers which are no longer needed by the County for public purposes to the Baltimore City
30 Police Department upon such terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems
31 proper.

MVT

MOBILE VIDEO TRAILER

SMARTER SOLUTIONS

SMARTER TECHNOLOGY

Can use virtually any camera

Additional mast heights available

Day/Night, Adjustable Pan/Tilt/Zoom IP addressable cameras

32-ft extendable mast with 360 degree lockable rotation

Capable of providing streaming or snapshot video

Optional electric hoist available for rapid deployment

Battery bank sized for 30-day autonomy

Industrial grade trailer to give years of dependable service

Microwave and digital cellular communications available

360 degree adjustable solar array for maximum exposure to sun



The MVT provides a portable, self-contained all-weather, trailer-mounted equipment platform. Through the use of wireless communication the MVT provides the end-user a rapidly deployable real-time video system viewable from a remote location. The MVT can be used as a stand-alone camera system or tied into a larger existing CCTV system.

ASTI TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

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HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director
Ryan A. Miller

County Executive
Allan H. Kittleman

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. _____-2015 authorizing the transfer of four (4) surplus
Mobile Video Trailers to the Baltimore Police Department for regional situational
awareness purposes

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Ryan A. Miller
Director, Office of Emergency Management

Date: November 20, 2015

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been designated as the coordinator for the preparation of testimony in regards to the transfer of four (4) surplus ASTI Mobile Video Trailers (MVTs) to the Baltimore Police Department (BPD).

In August 2015, OEM acquired six (6) ASTI MVTs. These units were purchased with reallocated Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds. These grant funds are to be used to purchase regional assets that close capability gaps in the Baltimore region's homeland security efforts. The funds were reallocated to Howard County just 30 days before the end of the performance period of the grant. The funds were allocated to Howard County for two reasons: 1) Howard County has a reputation of being able to spend grant funds effectively and efficiently; and 2) purchasing six at once made us eligible for a reduced per unit price as per GSA pricing schedules.

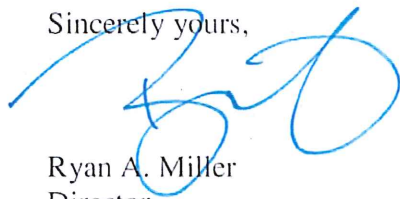
The funds were approved for spending by Howard County with the understanding that two (2) units would stay with Howard County, two (2) would stay with BPD, and two (2) would be stored at BPD but readily available to other jurisdictions in the region. One-hundred percent (100%) of these funds were in addition to the original grants funding Howard County received from the UASI. Additionally, because of Howard County's purchasing ability, we have received

over \$300,000 in additional Homeland Security grant funding over the last two (2) years, not including these MVT funds.

The BPD has an existing MVT Program that these trailers will seamlessly fit into, and as they are regional assets, they will be available to Howard County if they are required to increase situational awareness. These trailers allow public safety officials to have streaming video of locations that are not currently covered by existing camera systems, which can be helpful for events in the region (e.g., Star Spangled Spectacular, concerts at Merriweather Post, 4th of July events, or Parades). Additionally, the trailers can be used to monitor emerging situations such as flooding events, civil unrest, or scene security/documentation.

In addition to the reasons stated above, this testimony for the transfer of these four (4) MVTs is being provided to continue our support of the UASI and our regional partners in our joint mission of ensuring public safety in the face of manmade and natural disasters, and events.

Sincerely yours,



Ryan A. Miller
Director
Office of Emergency Management