



BrightonSM

Memorandum

To: Philip Rodriguez, City Manager

From: Paul Southard, Chief of Police

Date: 9/14/2018

Re: Acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Grant Award #2017-DJ-BX-0378

In September 2017, the Brighton Police Department sought a Department of Justice Federal Grant to update the current paper reporting system used at the department to a web-based program. Funding in the amount of \$12,000 was requested to assist in the base purchase, installation and implementation of the project **Smartforce** software installation at the Brighton Police Department.

The Brighton Police Department prides itself on the quality service provided to the City, fostering an outstanding Community Partnership. The process of tracking use of force incidents, citizen comments, vehicle pursuits, vehicle crashes, awards, commendations and other information that lacks quality tracking capabilities. Smartforce will provide tracking and information for;

- **Better execution of crime reduction and prevention strategies.**
- **More efficient management of community-policing efforts during uncommitted patrol time.**
- **Faster communication of incident details to officers and command particularly in life-or-death situations.**
- **Better management and reporting of high liability concerns like use-of-force, complaints and pursuits.**
- **More procedural justice transparency and quicker reporting for command staff, elected officials, the general public, or media.**
- **More automated administrative processes (e.g., tasks, shift change assignments, document management), enabling more productive uncommitted time.**
- **Easier management of training, Policy compliance, and reporting workflows.**
- **Better collaboration with neighboring agencies, community partners and criminal information sharing.**

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The Smartforce database can be readily reviewed by Command Staff for early intervention and detection of problematic situations. It also aids in the changes and enhancements of in-service training, to the department Police Officers and civilian employees.

At this time we would request from City Council the approval to accept the above grant award for \$12,000 to assist in the funding of the Smartforce software for the Brighton Police Department.