

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 02/11/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0117

LOG NAME: 35DONATION TO PD CELLEBRITE & TRAINING

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Acceptance of the Donation of Cellebrite Equipment and Training Valued at Approximately \$155,000.00 from the Alliance for Children for Use by the Fort Worth Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize acceptance of a donation of Cellebrite equipment and training valued at approximately \$155,000.00 from the Alliance For Children for use by the Fort Worth Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize acceptance of a donation of Cellebrite equipment and training certifications from the Alliance For Children to the Fort Worth Police Department as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
THREE CELLEBRITE DEVICES W/ TWO YEARS LICENSING	\$39,000.00
TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN & HUMAN TRAFFICKING/INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN UNITS	\$116,000.00

The Alliance For Children was awarded a grant in the amount of \$155,000.00 from the Jane and John Justin Foundation to provide Cellebrite software and training certifications to be used by the Fort Worth Police Department. Acceptance of this donation provides a streamlined process for collecting and analyzing digital evidence in the field.

The Alliance For Children is a children's advocacy center that serves Tarrant County children who are victims of sexual or physical abuse, neglect, or witnesses to violent crime. Alliance For Children partners with multiple Tarrant County law enforcement agencies, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Cook Children's Medical Center, JPS Health Network, and the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office to provide a coordinated, multidisciplinary teamed approach to child victimization investigations.

Cellebrite is a digital investigations platform designed to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing their investigative workflows. A key feature of Cellebrite is its capability to conduct digital forensic downloads from mobile devices in the field, rather than sending devices to a laboratory for analysis. Swift evidence extraction empowers law enforcement to act on critical information more quickly, facilitating timely arrests of offenders, and enhancing the potential to rescue unidentified victims from exploitation. Cellebrite offers certification training programs in a range of topics designed to equip investigators with the necessary skills and knowledge for effectively conducting digital extractions and examinations of mobile devices. By completing certification training programs, forensic investigators enhance their technical skills and their ability to testify effectively as expert witnesses in court.

Two years of licensing for this equipment are covered by the donation. Further licensing will be the responsibility of the City of Fort Worth Police Department.

This equipment benefits ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds. Any assets donated as a result of this agreement will be recorded in the City's financial records as appropriate.

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