

## Guidance for Local Enforcement Equipment Purchases

- What is the intended purpose of this equipment?
- Is any training required to operate this equipment?
- Will equipment be used to identify suspects or for prosecution purposes?
- Will equipment be used for solid waste purposes 100% of the time?
- How durable are the products you have selected? Will precautions have to be made to ensure durability?
- Have you spoken with your IT staff to determine if there are any compatibility issues between electronic equipment purchases and existing systems?
- Does this equipment purchase involve coordination between different departments in your organization? Are these departments aware of their necessary coordination?
- Have you considered purchasing from H-GAC's Cooperative Purchasing program for available items? ([www.hgacbuy.org](http://www.hgacbuy.org))
- Equipment suggestions
  - Computers
    - Additional items: server(s), monitor(s), modem(s)
    - Software
    - Is mounting hardware required for installation in a vehicle or on a wall?
  - Vehicles – only Fords are listed, equivalent brand is acceptable
    - Ford F150 – good for some hauling, may require a camper shell for security, storage and transport of equipment.
    - Ford Super Duty – good for lots of hauling, may require a camper shell for security, storage and transport of equipment.
    - Ford Explorer – good for carrying electronics.
    - Ford Expedition – larger than Explorer, more expensive but could cost less to maintain.
    - 4-wheel drive – where will this vehicle be driving? If off-road only, may want to consider four-wheeled, all-terrain vehicles.
    - Check out [www.hgacbuy.org](http://www.hgacbuy.org) to contact H-GAC's Cooperative Purchasing program for fee schedule.
    - Are emergency sirens, lights, etc. required for your jurisdiction?
  - Radios
  - Video Cameras
  - Surveillance Cameras – Effective, but need to be in constant use.
  - Digital Still Cameras
  - Global Positioning System (GPS)
  - Laser Range Finder

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