

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)
- 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 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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