



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2023
DEPARTMENT: SALINAS FIRE DEPARTMENT
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TITLE: FIRE STATIONS SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEMS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution amending an agreement approved by the City Council (Resolution No. 22510 (N.C.S.)) for the purchase and installation of Verkada security camera systems at all fire stations through MJ Communications to increase the total cost to an amount not exceeding \$242,048.98.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Fire Department has identified the need for enhanced surveillance camera systems across all fire stations. The Information Technology division has recommended Verkada Security Camera Systems, purchased, and installed through MJ Communications, to fit the needs of all fire stations and meet network requirements. An amendment to the previous resolution is being requested to accommodate for equipment and labor that will help the Fire Department comply with the legally required retention policy for public facility video.

BACKGROUND:

Ensuring and maintaining the safety of the Fire Department personnel and City assets has been a top priority of the Salinas Fire Department. Over the past several years, the department has experienced equipment theft and/or break-ins to staff vehicles across all fire stations. In addition, due to the location of several stations and the surrounding transient population, personnel continue to experience safety concerns. The Salinas Fire Department needs to install security camera systems at all fire stations in the city to protect City and staff assets, as well as ensure the safety of personnel. The Fire Department worked on an agreement with MJ Communications to purchase and install Verkada security camera systems across all fire stations. Verkada integrates well with the network and infrastructure requirements in the City and will provide the department with a proactive crime prevention system. The current quote obtained from MJ communications for the purchase and installation of the systems at all stations is \$220,044.53.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Fire Department sought recommendations on camera systems from the Information Technology division, to ensure compatibility with network and infrastructure systems. The department will also seek to coordinate with the Information Technology division during the installation. Additionally, the Fire Department will coordinate with the Finance Department during the purchasing process.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

\$220,044.53 for this procurement and a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed \$242,048.98, and related costs are ready and available for use in the Fire Department's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund appropriations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
MJ Communications Quotes