

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE

October 24, 2023

PRESENTED BY

Ryan Zuidema, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM # IV.8

Fusus Public Safety Platform

RECOMMENDATION

Information and Discussion

SUMMARY

Fusus is an open and unified real-time intelligence service that serves as a platform for our Real-Time Crime Center to operate on. It allows us to collaborate with our community and other criminal justice agencies to improve situational awareness, more efficiently respond to criminal activity, and more effectively investigate and prosecute criminals. Fusus works with the LPD's existing body camera and in-car camera technology allowing for enhanced operational and investigative capabilities. Additionally, Fusus allows for live video feeds to be sent to an emergency operations center or directly to officers in the field to enhance the safety of our officers. Hill City Connect is just one component of the Fusus ecosystem. It is a voluntary camera registration platform for residents and businesses who choose to partner with the LPD in an effort to proactively address criminal activity in our community. We are continuing to leverage technology as a means of making the most efficient use our investigative resources. Violent crime in Lynchburg has become increasingly more difficult to investigate, often as a result of uncooperative witnesses, and in some cases even uncooperative victims. The importance of video footage for criminal investigative purposes cannot be understated.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

January 24, 2023: Finance Committee
January 24, 2023: City Council Meeting, General Business
February 14, 2023: City Council Meeting, Consent Agenda

FISCAL IMPACT

\$250,000 – This grant was awarded by the 2023 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Program. It covers two years of Fusus and there was no local match required.

CONTACT(S)

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ATTACHMENT(S)

None

REVIEWED BY

Ryan Zuidema, Chief of Police



Date: October 19, 2023

Wynter C. Benda, City Manager



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Alicia Finney, Clerk of Council



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