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Department: Police Department **Cost:** \$280,000.00 **File Created:** 07/16/2015

File Name: Purchase of All-Purpose Rescue Vehicle **Final Action:**

Title: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ARMORED ALL-PURPOSE RESCUE VEHICLE FROM LENCO INDUSTRIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000 FOR THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE SEIZURES AND RESTITUTION FUND BALANCE.

Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve or reject authorization for the purchase of an all-purpose rescue vehicle from Lenco Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$280,000 for the Norman Police Department; and, if approved, appropriate \$280,000 from Seizures and Restitutions Fund Balance (025-0000-253-20-00) to Service Equipment/Trucks and Vans (025-6038-421-50-03).

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Agenda Date: 07/28/2015

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Attachments: LENCO Sole Source Letter.pdf, Lenco Quotation.pdf, Example of Rescue Vehicle.pdf

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BACKGROUND: The Mission of the Norman Police Department is “to maintain and enhance the quality of life in the City of Norman by protecting life, liberty, property and keeping the peace”. The Norman Police Department must maintain readiness to respond to a variety of different events. We must protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to and recover from natural disasters and any other type of emergency incidents. An all-purpose rescue vehicle provides our community with a versatile means of response to many potential hazards. Similar to a fire truck and ambulance, an all-purpose rescue vehicle enables emergency professionals to respond to life threatening hazards, prevent further injuries, and rescue innocent citizens.

The all-purpose rescue vehicle’s capabilities provide an increased level of preparedness and safety for the citizens, members of the Norman Police Department, and other first responders.

DISCUSSION: The appropriation requested would fund the acquisition, implementation and maintenance of an all-purpose armored rescue vehicle for police and other community first responders. This vehicle would be classified as an all-purpose rescue vehicle, and will be maintained by Police Department personnel and accessible for a variety of emergency first responder needs.

Staff has discussed the plans for purchasing and maintenance of the all-purpose rescue vehicle. It is important to remember that the vehicle has no offensive capability, unlike a "military or assault vehicle". The utilization of this vehicle will be for defensive and rescue actions. The rescue vehicle will be utilized in a variety of events including, but not limited to, tornadoes, flooding, ice and snow. The vehicle will also be utilized during high risk police operations to negotiate with armed subjects, remove citizens from hostile areas, and other defensive uses to protect the lives of citizens and officers. Examples of when this rescue vehicle would have been used in the past are the 2010 and the 2012 tornadoes, the snow blizzards of 2011, and the 2014 hostage situation at the Nextep building as well as all University of Oklahoma home football games. In discussions with the University of Oklahoma, officials have expressed support and request for it to be used at the University of Oklahoma home football games to enhance the all-ready deployed security measures. We know from experience and history across the country, certain type of events can be susceptible to potential terrorists and active shooter threats. The rescue vehicle could be covertly staged in the areas of the events to quickly respond into one of these hostile type events, if needed.

Between 2010 and 2012, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, Oklahoma City Police Department and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol acquired rescue vehicles from Lenco Industries. In 2014, after extensive research, the City of Edmond also purchased a rescue vehicle from Lenco Industries. Lenco Industries was selected by each listed organization for a variety of reasons which include the company and vehicle reputation, as well as Lenco Industries being the sole source civilian marketed and manufactured rescue vehicle in the United States to achieve the U.S. State Department Armor Level E designation.

Training for the all-purpose rescue vehicle's operation will be conducted by Lenco Industries, Inc. The operation of this vehicle will be limited to approximately four special operations officers. The all-purpose rescue vehicle will have the same color and graphics as the current police fleet (See attachment). Due to the specialized nature of this vehicle, the maintenance on the all-purpose rescue vehicle will be out-sourced and Staff has discussed the purchase and maintenance plans with Fleet Management.

Pursuant to Oklahoma State Statutes (Title 61, Section 102), the City Code (Section 8-204) requires competitive bidding for purchases of equipment, supplies and materials with a value greater than \$50,000, except (Section 8-204.b.2) "supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services which can be furnished only by a single dealer..." There are other manufacturers of these armored all-purpose rescue vehicles; however, Lenco Industries, Inc. is the only manufacturer, distributor, authorized dealer or supplier of this product or its equivalent. They are also the only manufacturer in the United States that offers a civilian commercially-sold vehicle that meets the U.S. State Department Level "E" Armor designation. Lenco Industries employs a proprietary process in the design and manufacture of the Lenco "BearCat" armored all-purpose vehicle to provide superior ballistic performance at a lighter weight than competitive vehicles.

The funding needed for the purchase of the armored all-purpose rescue vehicle was not allocated in the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Police Department staff recommends that the purchase of the Lenco Bearcat armored all-purpose rescue vehicle be approved on a sole source (single dealer meeting specifications) basis. Based on the current sole source bid the price of the rescue vehicle is \$275,000. An additional \$5,000 is being requested for the required travel, vehicle inspection, vehicle training and vehicle transport from the manufacturer.

Police Department staff further recommends that \$280,000 be appropriated from the Seizures and Restitution Fund Balance (account 025-0000-253.20-00) to Federal Seizures Truck & Van (account 025-6038-421.50-03).