Information

Background

The Precinct 2 Constable's Office is requesting a line-item transfer to purchase a box type utility trailer.

Constable Anderson's goal for the office is to continue to develop positive partnerships between the community and first responders. One of the most effective ways to achieve this is through participation in community, school, and neighborhood events. The focus during these events is developing connections, providing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, and allow for citizens of all ages to interact with PCT. 2 personnel on a social level. The acquisition of a trailer for the office allows for the ease of storage and transport of our office's pop-up canopies, tables, chairs, educational materials and specialty items, the amount of which normally requires three to four marked units to transport.

The acquisition of a trailer would also allow the Precinct 2 Constable's Office to pick up and transport large quantities of essential items such as water, food, clothing, tarps, plywood, etc., which are needed for distribution during natural or man-made disasters. The Precinct 4 Constable's Office utilized their trailer extensively during the March 2022 tornado event making several pick-ups and deliveries of donated essential items and transporting them to distribution sites or directly to the impacted areas.

Additionally, the trailer would be used for transport of items used during firearms qualifications and tactical training (targets, barricades, mats, tire deflation demonstrator, etc.). These items are bulky and require either multiple trips or multiple marked units to transport.

The trailer will be secured by use of high-security locking mechanisms for the wheels, tongue/coupler, and access doors. The trailer will be stored at the Precinct 2 Annex rear parking lot which is under 24-7 video surveillance.

The trailer will display the graphics which appear on our office's marked units serving as a visual reminder of Williamson County's continued involvement with the community and citizens we serve.

Cost estimates were sought from local vendor (attached). Total cost including TT&L is for the type of trailer which is <u>immediately</u> available for purchase. The alternative is ordering a trailer which will not be received for 6 to 12 months later due to supply chain issues and resultant manufacturing delays.