



City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Memorandum



DATE: January 29, 2025

TO: Governing Body
Finance Committee
Quality of Life Committee
Public Safety Committee

VIA: Randy Randall, Interim City Manager 
Paul Joye, Chief of Police 

FROM: Ben Valdez, Deputy Chief of Police 

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Request for Approval of Budget Amendment Resolution (BAR) in the amount of \$837,000 to be utilized for purchasing automated traffic enforcement equipment and evidence equipment. Ben Valdez, Deputy Chief of Police, bpvaldez@santafenm.gov, 505-955-5040.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Police Department has some equipment needs to address traffic safety concerns in our community and evidence equipment that is required for day-to-day operations.

The funding will be used for the following:

- To begin purchasing equipment and/or a subscription for automated traffic enforcement for red light, speed and noise cameras.
- To purchase evidence dryers to replace our current equipment. This will allow staff to properly and safely dry clothing items that have body fluids. This an industry standard for evidence handling and allows clothing to be submitted into evidence.
- To purchase mobile fingerprint scanners for use in the field to identify unknown persons that are arrested or unknown victims that are unable to be identified.
- To purchase narcotics court recognized testing equipment to minimize the potential of exposing field personnel to controlled substances, including substances suspected of being fentanyl.

The Police Department will continue to work with the Finance Departments to plan for budgeting the operating cost for the automated traffic enforcement equipment.

All other purchases will be a one-time cost for the equipment purchase, and maintenance of the one-time equipment can be observed within our budgeted expense.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Santa Fe Police Department respectfully requests your review and approval.






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