

## Recommendation re: Lakeland Police Department Mobile Command Vehicle

The Lakeland Police Department (LPD) is requesting to purchase a Mobile Command Vehicle (example photo below) to be used during city events and emergency operations.

Currently, the LPD possesses a 31-year old antiquated Blue Bird bus purchased decades ago. Originally used as a Book Mobile Bus, that was modified as a stop-gap command vehicle about 15 years ago. This vehicle was never programmed into the replacement fund due to its condition and has reached a point where it is not practical to keep it as part of the fleet.

Given the number of significant city events (Christmas Parade, Sun n Fun, July 4<sup>th</sup>, etc.) and emergency operations that the LPD coordinates annually having a mobile command vehicle will enable them to allow the Incident Command Team a centralized location to oversee the operations. These events take place all over the city limits (Downtown, Airport, Tigertown, Lake Morton, etc.) so having a mobile vehicle is a necessity. The Command Post is a highly important component of a successful critical incident in the field, as it serves as the central point of intelligence gathering, staff planning, and command/control of the overall operation at hand. A clearly defined Command Post is in keeping with the best practices of the Law Enforcement profession and in line with the national model of the Incident Command System deployed by both Police and Fire at major scenes and events

Based on staff's review it is recommended to purchase a command vehicle through Faber Specialty Vehicles using OMNIA Partners contract pricing for \$289,979. This quote is based on the specifications the LPD provided to meet their operational and budgetary requirements. The City's Purchasing Department has approved the purchase of the vehicle from Farber Specialty Vehicles as a cooperative purchase pursuant to OMNIA Partners Public Sector Contract #128867. OMNIA Partners Public Sector serves as a municipal contracting agency that enables cities and other governmental agencies to cooperatively procure equipment, products and services in order to receive volume pricing discounts. The funding for this vehicle will be derived from the Federal – Law Enforcement Trust Funds.

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the appropriate documents to acquire a mobile command vehicle from Faber Specialty Vehicles for \$289,979 under OMNIA Partners contract for use by the LPD.

