

Hills chief asks city to use block grant bucks for in-car cameras

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Cameras mounted in Farmington Hills police cars have become such a great help that it's worth keeping them up to date.

Police Chief William Dwyer said that's why the police department is asking city council to use the city's share of a local law enforcement block grant to improve the in-car cameras.

Dwyer is asking to spend the

\$46,000 grant to improve eight of the 40 cameras.

The city council on Monday agreed to present the grant request at a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile. Members of the public may suggest other uses for the grant money. By law, the purpose of such grants is to reduce crime and improve public safety.

"It's the upgrade of the in-car cameras we implemented probably 10 years ago," Dwyer said.

A main value of using the cameras is that they create tapes that are useful in court. The cameras, mounted near the rear-view mirror and able to rotate 180 degrees, have shown suspects throwing weapons from vehicles, Dwyer said. The tapes are also useful to demonstrate the behavior of suspected drunk drivers.

Officers are instructed to park cars at a certain angle behind those they pull over, so the camera can get the best view for tap-

ing. The cameras run 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Dwyer popped a standard tape into a VCR in his second-floor office to demonstrate an incident tape. Farmington Hills officers were shown stopping two women in a car for speeding. A check revealed that both had outstanding warrants.

The tapes' existence is useful in establishing that officers treated both women respectfully — in contradiction to a claim made by one that they were

stopped due to racial profiling.

"It substantiates the officer is acting in a professional manner," Dwyer said, adding that making the tapes reduces the department's susceptibility to lawsuits.

By rules for accepting the federal grant, the city must contribute a local match of 10 percent of the grant award or \$5,400.

Some of the money will pay for digital photography equipment useful in crime scene investigations, Dwyer said.

BUSINESS NEWS

YESSIAN MUSIC

Yessian Music, with studios in Farmington Hills and New York City, has hired Jeremy D. Berman to be its exclusive sales rep for New York City.

Berman, who was previously with Bielenberg Music in Atlanta, Ga., joins producer/composer Hayley Moss in sharing up the east coast presence of the venerable music house whose roots can be traced back to the early '70s when the Golden Age of Jingles was just starting to get in full swing.

"This year marks our one year anniversary for the New York office and the 30th year anniversary for Yessian Music in Detroit," says creative director Brian Yessian.

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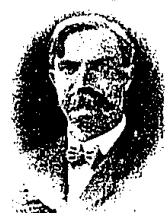
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