



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: TOM WICKMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – JOINT USAGE AND PURCHASE OF A LENCO BEARCAT
DATE: JULY 23, 2024

Summary and Background: On September 12, 2022, Council supported the purchase of the Lenco Bearcat, and funds were allocated and approved for this purchase through the annual budgeting processes. The original request was to split the purchase equally between the Towns of Frisco, Dillon and Silverthorne. Upon further review, the Town of Silverthorne chose not to participate in this purchase, and the Towns of Dillon and Frisco moved forward with splitting the cost equally for this purchase. The Town of Dillon placed the order for the Bearcat in 2023, and it was delivered in 2024. Frisco funds are budgeted for this purchase. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently before Council to memorialize this joint usage and purchase agreement. This MOU has been reviewed and approved by the Frisco Town Attorney.

Analysis: The Lenco Bearcat can be used in a number of differing scenarios. The top seven uses are: 1) Citizen/First Responder Rescue, 2) Natural Disaster Response, 3) First Responder Protection, 4) Community Outreach, 5) Tactical Advantage, 6) All Hazards Response and 7) Acute Critical Incident Response. The Bearcat was recently used in an incident in Blue River and will continue to be used as needed throughout the County. The Bearcat is currently stored in Frisco at the Public Works facility. The use of the Bearcat is clearly articulated in the MOU, and this process has been followed on all incidents to date. Dillon is also responsible for routine repair and maintenance, the costs of which will be split 50/50 with Frisco. Repair and maintenance costs are budgeted annually in the Public Works fleet budget. Should other agencies request to use the Bearcat, a response fee may be charged to these other agencies to help defray operating costs to Dillon and Frisco.

Financial Impact: The Town of Dillon purchased the Lenco Bearcat in full for \$365,698. The attached MOU commits the Town of Frisco to remit \$166,665 (\$33,333 per year/5 years) to Dillon to share the cost equally. Funding for this annual appropriation is budgeted in 10-1121-4282. The original Town budget was \$28,333 annually for 5 years to account for 1/3 of the purchase price. Other municipalities did not commit to this purchase and as a result, the cost of the Bearcat will be split equally between the Towns of Frisco and Dillon. The additional \$5,000 annually to account for the difference is accurately budgeted in the 10-1121-4282 police department line item.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The Town is committed to providing quality core services with efficiency, excellent customer service, and professionalism. Purchasing the Lenco Bearcat and training staff on how to effectively utilize it provides essential public safety services to the community.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU to equally purchase the Lenco Bearcat with the Town of Dillon.

Approved By:

- Tom Fisher, Town Manager
- Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager
- Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Dillon Police Department and Frisco Police Department Joint Usage and Purchase of a Lenco Bearcat.