

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 22, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor Lankford and City Council  
**FROM:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager/EDC Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Meredith Request FY 2025 – City Council Meeting Nov 25, 2024

**Background information:**

The list below are important projects, and capital expenditures to be considered for the City’s request to the Meredith Foundation. I have computed the rankings by Mayor & City Council for each department request and the results are as follows: Attached is the final tally result.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
Police Dept.	Purchase of Equip/Software Pkg for 17 new body cameras, & 5 yrs subscription	<b>\$130,000.00</b>	<b>#1</b>
Fire Dept.	Purchase of 24 set dual-certified Personal Protective Equipment	<b>\$ 45,600.00</b>	<b>#2</b>
Fire Dept.	9 new radios both VHF & 800 band	<b>\$ 40,135.95</b>	<b>#3</b>
Police Dept.	Replace 17 Elec. Control Weapons	<b>\$ 78,000.00</b>	<b>#4</b>
Museum Request	Operating Funds	<b>\$ 38,000.00</b>	<b>#5</b>
Landmark Request	Iron Horse Walking Trail for 1 new Interpretive sign	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	<b>#6</b>
Main Street Dept.	For a downtown wireless sound system to a be placed at 1888 bldg.	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>#7</b>
		<b><u>TOTAL REQUEST: \$364,935.95</u></b>	

**Recommendation:**

It is my recommendation that the City Council consider approving the submission of the list as presented based on Mayor and City Council’s ranking to the Meredith Foundation for FY 2025 grant request.

# CITY OF MINEOLA REQUEST LISTING NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Subject: **PREFERENCE FINAL TALLY RESULT FOR MEREDITH REQUEST FOR FY 2025**  
 From: **Mercy Rushing, City Manager**

Mayor and Council, I have calculated the Request for Meredith based on City Council's individual preference numbers: FROM 1- 7 (1 BEING MOST IMPORTANT AND 7 AS LEAST IMPORTANT), **SO THE LOWEST TOTAL NUMBERS WILL BE THE ONES WE LIST FIRST IN OUR REQUEST ENDING WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL NUMBER LISTED LAST.**

**ITEMS SCORING BY CITY COUNCIL:** **COUNCIL PREFERENCE**  
**COUNCIL LAST NAME INITIALS:** **A E J L N S T = TOTAL**

1. **POLICE DEPARTMENT --- Chuck Bittner, Chief of Police**  
 Requesting equipment and software package which includes 17 new body cameras, software package to maintain functionality of 15 currently owned in-car cameras, and cloud-based evidence locker including unlimited storage. This includes a 5-year subscription with no monthly or annual fees. See Memo with pictures & info. **Request---\$130,000.00** 2 2 2 5 3 1 3 = 18
2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT --- Aaron Munn, Operational Fire Chief**  
 Requesting to acquire 24 sets of Dual-Certified Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Each set consists of attached pictured items and has a cost of \$1, 900.00 to fully outfit each firefighter. See Memo **Request---\$45,600.00** 1 1 3 4 2 4 4 = 19
3. **FIRE DEPARTMENT --- Aaron Munn, Operational Fire Chief**  
 Asking to acquire 9 new radios that can communicate on both VHF and 800 band radio networks. Having this dual communications network radios will allow our fire department to be able to communicate with all agencies to ensure the necessary lifesaving response much quicker. See Memo and pictures attached. **Request---\$40,135.95** 3 6 1 1 5 3 2 = 21
4. **POLICE DEPARTMENT --- Chuck Bittner, Chief of Police**  
 Mineola PD is requesting to replace 17 Electronic Control Weapons (Tasers or ECW's), which includes licensing, software, virtual evidence locker, holsters, docking stations, batteries, training and duty cartridges. This also includes 5 years of service for everything needed. See attached info. **Request---\$78,000.00** 4 5 4 6 1 2 6 = 28
5. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPT. Museum – Doris Newman, Director**  
 Hist. Museum request for Operating funds. **Request-----\$38,000.00** 5 3 5 7 4 6 1 = 31
6. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPT.– Landmark Commission - Doris Newman, Director**  
 Commission Request – The Iron Horse Heritage Walking Trail is taking shape with four interpretive signs in place. We are requesting to add one (1) new interpretive sign. These are educational for our Community. See Memo/Picture **Request-----\$3,200.00** 6 4 6 3 7 7 5 = 38
7. **MAIN STREET DEPARTMENT – Doris Newman, Director**  
 The sound system we currently have downtown which is attached to the Chamber building that belongs to the City is now 24 years old and is failing. We are looking at a turnkey wireless system to be installed downtown at the 1888 Plaza. The city will be able to control and maintain this system. See memo and info. **Request-----\$30,000.00** 7 7 7 2 6 5 7 = 41

<b>PREFERENCE ORDER</b>	<b>REQUEST RECAP.</b>	<b>ITEM REQUESTED</b>	<b>TOTAL RATING</b>	<b>COST</b>
#1	Police Dept. -17 new body cameras, software package, and more.		<b>18</b>	\$130,000.00
#2	Fire Department – 24 sets of Dual-Certified Personal Protective Equip.		<b>19</b>	\$ 45,600.00
#3	Fire Department – 9 new radios both VHF & 800 band radio networks.		<b>21</b>	\$ 40,135.95
#4	Police Department – Replace 17 Elec. control weapons (ECW's) and more.		<b>28</b>	\$ 78,000.00
#5	Historic Preserv. Dept – Hist. Museum Operating funds		<b>31</b>	\$ 38,000.00
#6	Historic Preserv. Dept.- Landmark request for 1 new Interpretive sign		<b>38</b>	\$ 3,200.00
#7	Main Street Dept. – Replace with new wireless sound system downtown		<b>41</b>	\$ 30,000.00

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 7, 2024  
**TO:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager  
**FROM:** Charles Bittner, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Meredith Foundation Request FY 2025

On behalf of the Mineola Police Department we hereby submit our 2025 Meredith Foundation Proposal for your review, approval, and subsequent advancement to the Mineola City Council.

At present, the police department's in-car video cameras are in need of software updates, licensing, and support due to the age of system. The officer's body-worn video cameras have also exceeded their lifespan and must be replaced entirely. Support is no longer available for the models we are currently using. It is imperative that the in-car video system be updated and the body-worn cameras be replaced as soon as possible.

The system by which all videos are uploaded and stored (a virtual evidence locker) is also at end of life and is no longer being supported by the manufacturer. After reviewing the current systems available and receiving various proposals it is my recommendation that we obtain an equipment package from Motorola Solutions. Motorola is the \*only company who can provide the software updates required for the in-car video cameras that we currently own. Selecting any other company would incur significantly more expense as the actual in-car cameras would have to be replaced.

The proposed equipment and software package includes: seventeen new body cameras, a software package to maintain functionality of 15 currently owned in-car cameras, and a cloud based evidence locker including unlimited storage. The proposed package is for an inclusive five year subscription with no monthly or annual fees added. This five year product and service package from Motorola includes a significant savings of over \$66,000. Motorola will provide complete onsite deployment, configuration, and project management. The estimated cost for this request is \$130,000.

As of June 2025, the Electronic Control Weapons (tasers or ECW's) that the Meredith Foundation generously provided for the police department will be five years old and at the end of their functional life span. Support from the manufacturer will no longer be available. The MPD kindly requests funding to replace the seventeen existing tasers with a current model. The proposed bundle package includes seventeen ECW's, licensing, software, virtual evidence locker, holsters, docking stations, batteries, training, and duty cartridges. This quote includes everything needed for five years of service. The estimated cost for this request is \$78,000.

**Total requested funds for two projects \$208,000.**

On behalf of the Mineola Police Department I respectfully ask for your thoughtful consideration of this legitimate need and I ask that it be granted as written.



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# SECURELY CAPTURE DIGITAL EVIDENCE

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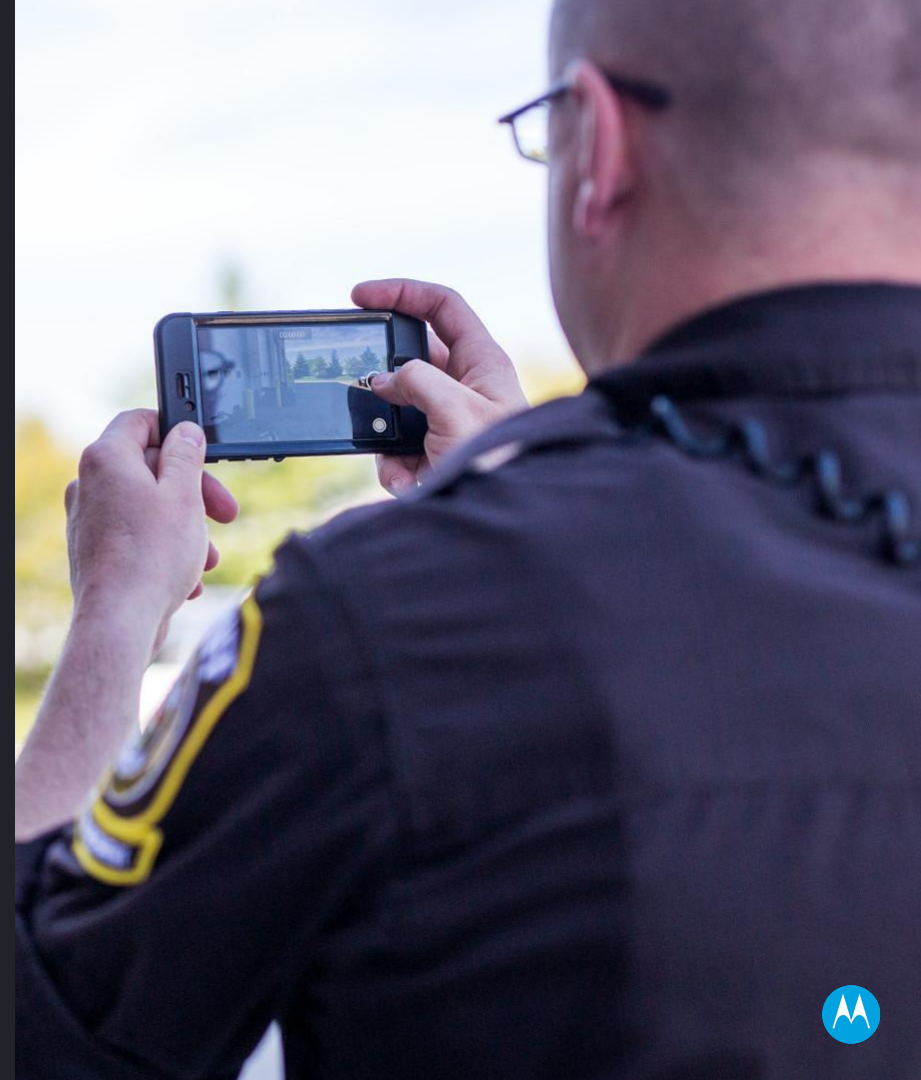
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All evidentiary data is isolated from personal data in the phone, preserving the chain of custody.

## DELIVER TIMELY, INDISPUTABLE TRUTH

Captured media is correlated to the case and automatically uploaded to CommandCentral Evidence.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLS

Include community inputs in your digital evidence management program

## CUSTOM AGENCY PAGE

Share local crime information and promote your community engagement tools from your custom agency page.

## ANONYMOUS TIPPING

Tipping services enable two-way dialogue with the public and promote open and efficient communication.

## DIGITAL EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Gather digital evidence directly from citizens via an agency generated link or QR code.

## CITYPROTECT.COM

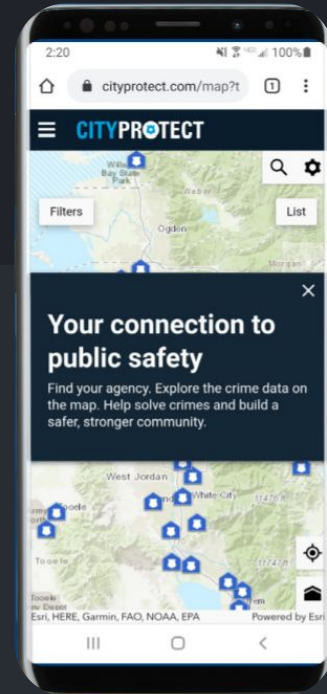
The public-facing side to the Community Tools, featuring a map-based homepage where citizens can connect with your agency.

## CRIME MAP

Share incident data with the public, on your terms, and inform citizens of what is going on in their community.

## CAMERA REGISTRATION

The public voluntarily registers their residential and/or commercial cameras, giving your agency a starting point to an investigation.





# SYNCHRONIZE VIDEO PLAYBACK

Easily select and synchronize playback of videos from multiple camera sources.

The screenshot displays the CommandCentral Evidence software interface. At the top, it shows 'CommandCentral Evidence' and 'Agency Admin'. The main area is titled 'Multi-playback' for incident 88-757-08, 88-757. It features a large video player with three synchronized camera views: 'Panoramic camera' (top), 'Front camera' (bottom left), and 'BWC Hoffman, D.' (bottom right). A 'Videos' sidebar on the right lists available camera feeds with checkboxes for selection: 'Front camera', 'Front camera wide', 'Panoramic camera', 'BWC Hoffman, D.', and 'BWC Smith, J.'. The video player includes standard playback controls and a timestamp of 00:05:00 / 01:30:21. A note at the bottom of the player states: 'Incident ID, Notes, Details, Access & Retention available in [Single-playback](#)'.

Synchronize playback

Add up to 4 individual camera video/audio sources to main screen.

Align videos that begin at different times.



# INSTALLATION SERVICES

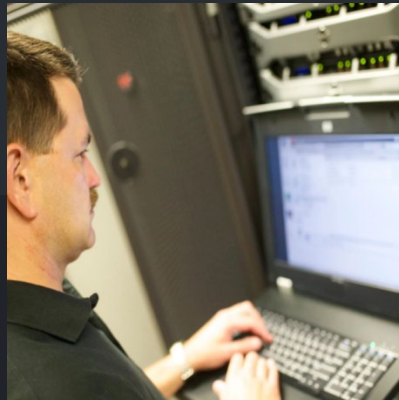


INSTALLATION SERVICES

## QUICK START REMOTE



## MANAGED ON-SITE



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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 12, 2023

**TO:** Mayor Lankford & City Council

**VIA:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager

**FROM:** Aaron Munn, Assistant Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Meredith Foundation Funding Request – Dual-Certified PPE

**Background Information:** Dual-Certified Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Each set consists of the pictured items and has a cost of \$1,900 to fully outfit each firefighter. We currently need to replace gear for all Firefighters meaning that we will need 24 sets.

In 2015, Mineola Fire Department purchased Dual-Certified PPE. This Gear is becoming tattered and is in desperate need of replacement. Given the difficult nature of firefighting, firefighters are at risk of developing heat stress more often than the public. As the leading cause of firefighter occupational deaths, it's important you take steps to reduce overexertion. Dual-certified gear is a single-layer garment designed to reduce heat stress, fatigue, and the spread of harmful carcinogens. It is much more Lightweight and breathable than Structural gear. By wearing Dual certified PPE, our department can extend the longevity of our structural firefighting gear, reduce the risk of exposure to contaminants, and limit the chances of developing heat stress. 90% of calls are non-structural calls. Calls that Dual Certified PPE can be worn for are as follows.

Grass Fires  
Gas Leaks  
Confined Space Rescue  
Electrical Emergencies

Minor Motor Vehicle Crashes  
Natural Disasters  
Search & Rescue

**Recommendation:**

We ask that a grant in the amount of \$45,600 be awarded to purchase this replacement gear.

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 5, 2024

**TO:** Mayor Lankford & City Council  
**VIA:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager

**FROM:** Aaron Munn, Assistant Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Meredith Foundation Funding Request - Radios

### **Background Information:**

Upon joining the Mineola Fire Department and City of Mineola as the Operations Chief, I began assessing our overall situation to see what areas needed the most attention. One immediate concern that I found was our deficiencies in interoperability radio equipment. While Mineola Fire and Police, as well as other Wood County Fire Departments all use VHF radio equipment, other organizations in our area do not. We currently first respond with UT Health EMS and often give/receive mutual-aid assistance with multiple Smith County Fire Agencies that are all 800 band radios. This communication barrier between Mineola Fire Department and these other agencies can cause potential delays in necessary life saving responses and well as create potential safety issues for all personnel involved in Emergency Scenes.

This request, if granted, will allow the Mineola Fire Department the ability to acquire 9 new radios (one for each apparatus) that can communicate on both the VHF and 800 band radio networks. The requested radios are manufactured by Kenwood and are the latest technology in dual band radios. They will solve the above-mentioned issues for years to come.

## Viking VP8000 Multi-Band • Multi-Protocol Portable Radio



### FEATURES

- Multi-Band operation (VHF, 700/800 MHz)
- Mixed protocol zones (each channel in a zone can be from a different system)
- 1024 channels
- Public safety ergonomics: flare grip for control, large glove friendly knobs, large emergency button
- 3-Watt audio maximum output for high noise environments
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- Full key models (with numeric keypad)
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- Man Down
- Instant Recording Replay (IRR) and Voice Recording
- Radio Cloning



KMC-70M Microphone

Name: SPEAKER MIC, 3PF KEYS, BLACK, VP-T

Compatible With: VP6000/VP5000/VP8000

Details: Speaker mic with PTT button, three programmable buttons, and earphone jack (3.5mm). Rated IP67, IS (CSA), MIL-std. Coiled Cable length is 26 in. (Stretched length: 78in.)

Compatible with Kenwood Viking VPx000 series radios.

### **Breakdown of Funds:**

Purchase of 9 Kenwood VP8000 Radios with microphone accessory from CG Wireless - \$37,564.56

Programming of Radios by Mobile Communications America - \$2,571.39

### **Recommendation:**

We ask that a grant in the total amount of - \$40,135.95

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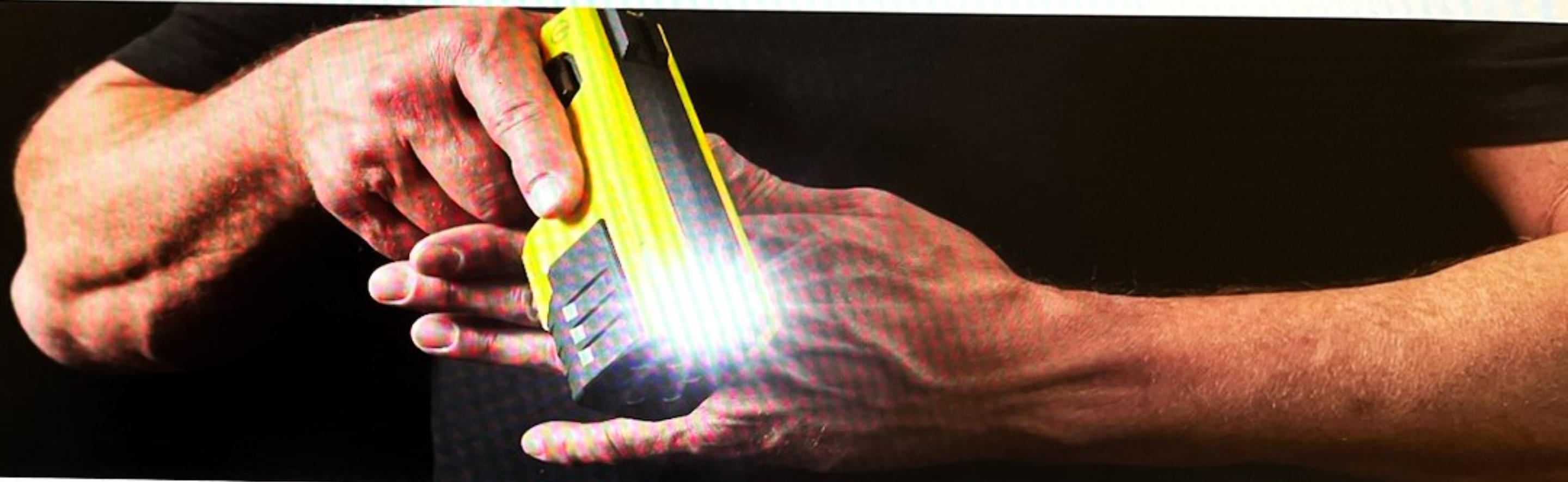
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## Multiple magazines

Multiple magazine and cartridge types allow officers to train more efficiently and differentiate between training and duty weapon use in Axon Evidence.

## Rechargeable battery

One battery for the life of the weapon; TASER 7 battery and dock compatibility.

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 7, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Doris Newman, Main Street Manager / HPO  
**VIA:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Meredith request for Museum

### **Museum Request for Meredith Foundation for 2025:**

The Mineola Historical Museum Board is requesting funds for miscellaneous operating expenses for the Mineola Historical Museum in the same amount as last year, \$38,000.

**Museum request - \$38,000 operation expenses**

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 8, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Doris Newman, Main Street Manager / HPO  
**VIA:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Meredith request for Landmark Commission

### **Landmark Commission Request for Meredith Foundation for 2025:**

The Railroad heritage Walking Trail at Iron Horse Square is taking shape with four interpretive signs in place. We are requesting \$3,200 for another interpretive sign.

### **Landmark Commission - \$3,200 for Interpretive Sign at Iron Horse Square**



*Mineola Landmark Commission  
P.O. Box 179  
Mineola, TX 75773*

Meredith Foundation  
P.O. Box 117  
Mineola, Texas 75773  
November 8, 2024

Dear Meredith Foundation,

The Mineola Landmark Commission would appreciate your consideration of our request for one interpretive sign which will be placed along our Railroad Heritage Walking Trail at Iron Horse Square. Our estimate from the welder for the sign is \$3200.

We currently have erected 4 interpretive signs of the 12 we have planned. These signs will tell the history of the railroads in Mineola and East Texas. As you know, education has been our overall goal of Iron Horse Square. With your previous aid we have put into place facilities and activities which have enabled us to raise some funds on our own. It's a slow process but we are making progress.

Thank you for your support of Iron Horse Square.

Sincerely,

**Mineola Landmark Commission**

James R. Phillips – Chairman  
Joyce (Alexander) Williams – Vice Chairman  
Martha (Dear) Holmes – Secretary  
Steve Brooke - Member  
Crystal (Walton) Hudson - Member  
Sue (Frank) Jones – Member  
John Sheeran - Member  
Cleottice (Greer) Walton – Member  
Cheryl (Hill) Wood - Member  
Doris Newman - Director

Example of interpretive sign with cover.  
Each side will have historical railroad related information.



Material. \$1,700.00

Labor. \$1,500.00

Total. \$3,200.00

Installed onto concrete. Or mounted on the ground. This frame awning includes sign frames as in the picture. Would be painted and ready for signage to be added

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 8, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Doris Newman, Main Street Manager / HPO  
**VIA:** Mercy Rushing, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Meredith request for Main Street speakers

### **Main Street Program Request for Meredith Foundation for 2025:**

Music in any location can evoke emotions of happiness, relaxation, excitement, nostalgia, romance, holiday spirit and more, including on the streets and sidewalks of downtowns. Happy, relaxed people tend to spend more time shopping. The Mineola Chamber of Commerce and various business people have told us repeatedly they “wish we could get new speakers downtown.” The remnant of the system we have, one speaker at the chamber office corner, was installed when the sidewalks were redone 24 years ago. We are looking at a new turnkey, sound system installed on our main thoroughfares in our downtown walking district (two blocks of Highway 80, two blocks of Johnson Street and two blocks of Commerce Street). We are communicating with Technomad Wireless Town Audio Systems about providing sound to our downtown. This would include equipment and installation. Due to the turnkey nature, including installation, we are requesting \$30,000 for this improvement to our downtown.

**Main Street request – \$30,000 for turnkey new sound system and installation downtown**





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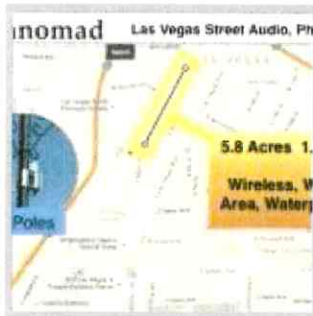


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*Keywords / Concepts: town audio, outdoor, mass-notification, Airmetix, Streetsound, wide-area, paging, light pole.*



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