

Proposal to Update Ipads

Issue

Our current Ipads are outdated and cannot be updated anymore. They are also not compatible to run the new apps and software needed for those apps.

Proposal

Our current proposal is to update the Ipads across the station so that we can use the necessary applications that we need for fire scenes. These Ipads are a critical piece of responses due to their ability to provide information about calls, critical notes, directions, hydrant locations and many other time crucial pieces of information.

Rationale

Currently our devices that we have are aged and will not accept updates to the operation systems. There are applications that are unable to be updates and are no longer supported on the older operating system. One example of this is Crew Force of which the county commissioners have purchased 5 licenses for each of the fire departments in the county to use. This application is connected to dispatch, which would allow the department to see live dispatch notes, updates or existing callouts on calls that have been at that address before. Live dispatch information is a safety and security item that is important to obtain on each call. Having the ability to see live dispatch information would help us to see any updates as they become available. With getting new Ipads we will be able to use this app and have another tool for the toolbox to help us help the community. In conjunction with this there are multiple other applications that have stated they will not be supporting a old operation system and will end of life their support on those aps as well. Our department would also be able to complete and update reports while on scenes.

Cost

Total costs will be no more than \$18000.00.

This quote goes through the Verizon Government Account specialist we currently have in addition what the town currently uses for their vendor. This is a large portion of the cost is replacing 15 Ipads across the fleet. In addition to this, the external items such as screen protectors, cases, and mounts for the apparatus would be sourced from the companies that would give us the capabilities that we have now and are all close and comparable in price. We are able to accomplish this through our current budget.

Summary

By implementing the above listed updates, it will allow us to continue with the capabilities we currently have along with providing opportunities for several years as the operating systems are being updated. We would have access to applications we have not before along with the applications we currently use. This is a critical piece of operational effectiveness and safety for our department.