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Resolution/Ordinance Cover Memo

Meeting Date: September 22, 2025

Subject/Title: National Forensic Sciences Improvement (NFSI) 2026 grant

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Recommendation: Approve

Background: The Duluth Police Department Crime Scene and Crash Investigations (CSI) Unit provides forensic services to the city and is staffed by two crime scene investigators/latent print examiners and one crash investigator. These investigators are highly trained in the specialized areas of Latent Print examination, Crime Scene Investigation, Crash Investigation and Reconstruction, and Evidence Intake. The DPD CSI unit is accredited in the field of Forensic Inspection for the analysis, comparison, and identification of latent prints through ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) ISO 17020 since 2015. The crash investigator is also a certified crash reconstructionist.

These units are currently using the Leica total station TS12 to document major scenes.

With the advancement of current technology and the demands of the court system, accurate documentation of major scenes and the related evidence found within, to include latent print evidence and crash scene evidence, is critical in proving accountability in major cases.

The acceptance of this grant agreement will fund the purchase of a 3D scanner to be used in conjunction with the Total Station. This additional tool will allow for both the Crime Scene and Crash Unit to expedite the documentation of a given scene to support conclusions, demonstrate more accurately the relative importance of a scene, and weight given to the evidence found within. The final product produced by the scanner will be a more realistic representation of the scene will help a jury to better understand the complexities of the scene.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: This grant award will cover the cost of the 3D scanner and training for the investigators who will be using it. There will be no additional impact to the general budget.



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Options: If the grant award is not accepted, the DPD will not have funds to purchase this piece of equipment.

Necessary Action: Please approve.

Attachments: National Forensic Sciences Improvement 2026 grant contract agreement.