

TO:	Cumberland County Commissioners
FROM:	Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff
DATE:	04-25-2025
SUBJECT:	Air Conditioner Replacement-Mobile Command Post

Requested Action:

Request County Commissioner's approval to utilize Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding (already received and available to be utilized) to purchase and install new air conditioning units in the Mobile Command Post.

Background & Purpose of Request:

The onboard air conditioning units in the Mobile Command Post are 19 years old and have likely been used very little due to it being a hazardous materials vehicle for the Presidential detail at Andrews Air Force base in Maryland. Last summer, we assisted the Falmouth Police Department with the Barbara Bush Golf Tournament and the air conditioning units didn't work well. In early August, the Brunswick Police Department utilized the Command Post and, while parked on the tarmac with 90-degree temperatures, the air conditioning units failed to keep the Command Post cool and we had to rent a large fan to keep the Brunswick dispatchers somewhat cool during the multi-day air show. Additionally, the Command Post was utilized at the Fourth of July festivities in Naples and the dispatchers had to work outside as it was too hot inside the Command Post. As a final example, the lack of air conditioning was noted when Cumberland Police Department used the Command Post at the fair.

Cumberland County Fleet Manager, Steve Wilkes, Westbrook Police Department Fleet Maintenance Technician, Shawn Adams, and Paul Daigle from Autotronics have concluded that the old system needs to be replaced. Most of the parts to replace the existing system are obsolete. The aforementioned group has determined that the installation of a new system is best for fixing the air conditioning issue and the system will also provide some heating benefits, which is currently not an issue.

It is recommended to purchase three (3) RecPro Extreme RV air conditioning units. The benefits of these AC units are listed below.

- Low Amp Draw The RecPro RV Air Conditioner is designed to use less energy than other
 models, allowing you to run more appliances at one time. Its low amp draw lets you keep your AC
 running while still having power for other activities.
- Dehumidifying Function Say goodbye to muggy weather! This unit's dehumidifying function reduces excess moisture in the air, keeping your RV comfortable and fresh all year round.
- Quieter than Competitors At only 59.7 decibels on high, the RecPro runs just as loud as a gentle rain! With its whisper-quiet operation, you'll get all the comfort without any noise and disruption of sleep.

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- Superior Functionality Comes with an easy-to-use remote control that features cooling, dehumidifying, dry, sleep, timing & more functions. It also has a touch screen LED display for easy monitoring & settings adjustments of the unit.
- Durable Plastic Design Crafted from tough plastic that'll last for years, this air conditioner can handle whatever comes its way! Plus, its touch screen LED display allows for easy adjustment settings.

Funding Amount and Source:

The cost of adding three (3) air conditioning units is \$12,489.00, assuming the price is not impacted by tariffs. Each unit is priced at \$1,963.00 and an additional \$2,200.00 each for installation.

We have secured a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for \$12,328.00. The balance of \$161.00 will be taken from the vehicle budget line (11-106-7345-06).

If air conditioning units are impacted by tariffs of 20%, the cost per unit will increase from \$1,963.00 to \$2,356.00, which is a difference of \$393.00. If needed, this added cost would come from the vehicle budget line (11-106-7345-06) and, consequently, we would cut a different expense from that budget line.

Attachments: (Please list out any Attachments you're including):

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Chair of Board, Date

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