

CITY OF LAGO VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

5901 Municipal Complex, Lago Vista, Texas, 78645



Exceptional Budget Item Request

Budget Account Number: 10-525-9730

Title of Request: Dispatch Chairs

Cost of Request: \$3,000

Justification: The Police Department requests funding to procure new ergonomic chairs for the dispatch division to enhance employee health, productivity, and operational efficiency. Replacing the current outdated and worn seating will address critical workplace needs, ensuring our dispatchers can perform their high-stakes duties effectively in a comfortable and supportive environment.

Program Objectives and Benefits

The acquisition of new chairs for the dispatch division will provide significant benefits, tailored to the unique demands of a 24/7 emergency communications hub. Key advantages include:

Improved Ergonomic Support: High-quality ergonomic chairs designed for prolonged use will reduce physical strain, minimize the risk of musculoskeletal injuries, and support proper posture during extended shifts. This is critical for dispatchers who remain seated for long periods while managing high-stress emergency calls.

Enhanced Employee Well-Being: Comfortable seating will improve dispatcher morale and reduce fatigue, fostering a healthier work environment. This investment demonstrates the department's commitment to supporting the physical and mental health of its essential personnel.

Increased Productivity and Focus: Ergonomic chairs with adjustable features, such as lumbar support, seat height, and armrest customization, will enable dispatchers to maintain focus during critical tasks, improving response times and accuracy in emergency communications.

Reduction in Workplace Injuries and Costs: By replacing outdated chairs that lack proper ergonomic design, the department can reduce the incidence of repetitive strain injuries and associated workers' compensation claims, leading to long-term cost savings.

Durability and Longevity: The proposed chairs are constructed with high-quality materials designed for heavy-duty, continuous use, ensuring a longer lifespan and reducing the need for frequent replacements.

Support for Operational Continuity: Dispatchers are the backbone of public safety operations. Providing them with reliable, comfortable seating ensures they can perform their duties without distraction, maintaining seamless communication during emergencies.

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Operational Impact

The dispatch division operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, handling critical communications that directly impact public safety. The current chairs, many of which are several years old are worn, lack proper ergonomic features, and contribute to discomfort during long shifts. A preliminary assessment indicates that upgrading to ergonomic chairs will improve dispatcher performance, and enhance overall operational efficiency.

Budget Allocation

The proposed budget covers all necessary components to implement this essential upgrade:

Chair Acquisition: Purchase of high-quality ergonomic chairs designed for 24/7 use, featuring adjustable lumbar support, seat height, tilt mechanisms, and durable materials suitable for continuous operation.

Installation and Setup: Professional installation to ensure proper configuration of chairs to meet individual dispatcher needs, maximizing comfort and functionality.

Warranty and Maintenance: A warranty to cover repairs or replacements, ensuring long-term reliability and cost-effectiveness.

Conclusion

Investing in new ergonomic chairs for the dispatch division is a strategic step toward enhancing employee well-being, operational efficiency, and public safety. By providing dispatchers with the tools they need to perform their critical roles comfortably and effectively, the Police Department will strengthen its ability to serve the community. We respectfully request approval of the proposed budget to implement this vital upgrade.

Respectfully,

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