COLLIN COUNTY

Terry G. Box, Sheriff

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2010

TO: Judge Keith Self

FROM: Chief Deputy Rick Allen

RE: MDCs

As you may know, each one of the Patrol cars is equipped with a Mobile Data Computer (MDC). These MDCs provide essential and critical communications and information between Dispatch, State Agencies, Patrol Deputies, and other Law Enforcement agencies.

Our current MDCs are obsolete. They are no longer supported by our IT Department or the vendor. Currently we have five (5) down and a sixth repaired with salvaged parts. With no support or spare parts we could lose more at any time.

There is a pending purchase order to obtain new MDCs. If we follow the normal procedure, the expected date to release that purchase order is early October. We have already reviewed, with IT, several manufacturers of MDCs. It was determined that the Panasonic Toughbook was the best product for our environment, therefore, the Sheriff's Office requests an exemption to the bid process as this equipment is necessary to preserve and protect the public safety of the citizens of Collin County.

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