

Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
September 7, 2016
Motion to Approve an Agreement with CARFAX – Police Crash Assistance Enrollment Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an agreement with CARFAX for the use of their Police Crash Assistance Enrollment Program.

Background

For more than 30 years, CARFAX® has partnered with thousands of law enforcement agencies to reduce crime and keep communities safe. CARFAX has more than 15 billion vehicle history records and receives more than 4 million records each day from more than 93,000 sources. By entering into this agreement, police department members will be able to use this data as an investigatory tool. Some of the items police department members will be using are the CARFAX Vehicle History Reports, VIN Alert, Crash Center, Partial License Plate Investigative Tool and CARFAX for Police Mobile Application.

The CARFAX Vehicle History Reports will provide unlimited access to the entire CARFAX database. The database includes a VIN Alert, which provides 24/7 access to the whereabouts of vehicles of interest. Additionally, the VIN Alert Crash Center allows investigators to search and review crash reports from a statewide and/or national database. The Partial License Plate Investigative Tool allows the law enforcement to quickly query the database using 3 or more digits of a license plate in any state for vehicles that match the plate and car description. The mobile application allows officers to obtain CARFAX reports in the field.

In exchange for the use of the data, the City will be required to provide CARFAX with access to the City's crash report data, which will be provided electronically or as a scanned document.

Resource Impact

There is not fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Enrollment Form for Law Enforcement

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