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POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2021
TO: Eric Sterman, City Administrator
FROM: Col. Douglas W. Schaeffler, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Radar Trailer, Destruction Request

Directing your attention to the two radar trailers owned by the Ballwin Police Department, I find that they no longer hold value to the department.

I have looked into the value of the trailers. These trailers were purchased in 2010 and prior. After consulting with professionals in the field, I have found the remaining value is that of scrap metal and parts.

Additionally the appearance and low functionality, their cumbersome size, the amount of rusty sharp metal edges, the insufficient and diminished battery strength, and the need for manpower to load, transport and space required to place the equipment, makes them more burdensome than useful.

Also considered was the 2020 & 2021 acquisitions of electronic speed display signs. The response from the public has been 100% positive and we should continue with this direction for alerting motorists to their speed. The new signs fulfill every benefit of the old trailers while not blocking traffic and eliminating potential employee and public injury hazards.

I am recommending disposal or scrap following an assessment by the city mechanics in order to determine if any parts contained are of value to public works.