

Conclusion

Law enforcement agencies in Colorado and across the country are using body-worn cameras in various ways:

- Improve evidence collection
- Strengthen officer performance and accountability
- Enhance agency transparency
- Document contacts between the police and the public
- Investigate and resolve complaints and officer-involved incidents

Our research has clearly indicated implementing a body-worn camera program is a proactive move that is consistent with law enforcement best-practices and is in the best interest of our community and our police officers who are sworn to protect and serve.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends a sole source purchase of Axon Body body-worn cameras from Taser International.

The Taser International's Axon Body body-worn program meets our Taser replacements needs, provides high quality body-worn cameras, and addresses our data storage requirements. This unique program will provide our department with 66 body-worn cameras and related equipment, replacement of all BWCs every 2.5 years, replacement of our Tasers when they reach end of life (every 5 years), and unlimited data storage.

The first-year cost of the Taser International proposal is approximately \$166,607. The ongoing annual cost is estimated to be approximately \$97,000. This particular Taser International proposal, referred to as the "Officer Safety Plan," provides significant savings related to the future Taser replacements. For example, in 2016, \$33,000 would be required for replacing a portion of our department issued Tasers. In 2017, that cost is estimated to be \$15,240. This proposal from Taser would negate the need to budget those funds for Taser replacements, therefore, saving \$48,240 in Taser replacements for the next two years.

The Taser International Axon body-worn cameras will interface with our New World Computer-Aided Dispatch system that will provide a date and time stamp for each event listed in CAD. This feature will automatically bookmark events with the appropriate information such as case number, incident number, officer and a call type. This automatic bookmarking allows for a very efficient tracking system and facilitates data storage retention periods.

The Axon body-worn cameras have "Active Signal Technology" that interfaces with our in-car cameras and allows the body-worn cameras to simultaneously record based on

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in-car cameras triggers such as light bar activation, prisoner door release, etc. The cameras have Bluetooth compatibility with our Mobile Data Terminals, which allows officers to view their media within minutes of the recording.

Other benefits of Taser International's proposal include:

- After each use by the officers, the cameras will recharge and upload data when placed in a docking station to that user's account on cloud servers.
- Their Evidence.com video management software system allows users to view their video, redact sensitive information while ensuring the original files are never altered, provides built-in audit system that tracks the life of the video from creation, editing, viewing, altering, copying, and ultimately deletion.
- Software updates to their system are automatically received as part of program.