 <p>CITY OF ST. CHARLES ILLINOIS • 1834</p>	AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		Agenda Item number: 6a
	Title:	Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Approval of a Master Services and Purchasing Agreement for Police Body-Worn Cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc.	
	Presenter:	Chief James Keegan	
Meeting: Government Operations Committee Date: December 4, 2023			
Proposed Cost: \$ 1,023,168.80		Budgeted Amount: \$ See Attachment	Not Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/>
TIF District: Choose an item.			
Executive Summary (if not budgeted, please explain): <p>To comply with the provisions of the Illinois SAFE-T Act, which mandates municipalities with populations under 50,000 to implement body-worn cameras (BWC) for all law enforcement by 2025, the Police Department undertook an extensive study of various body-worn camera platforms over the last year.</p> <p>Staff determined Axon was the best fit for police operations as it uses cloud-based retention and redaction software via Evidence.Com (used by State's Attorney Offices in DuPage/Kane) and its ease of operation, quality, and program integration with our existing technologies and support this recommendation.</p> <p>The recommended purchase from Axon is through a purchasing agreement with the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group (Contract #010720-AXN). In addition, staff is recommending to proceed before the end of calendar year 2023 as pricing increases and longer-term contracts provide the City with several benefits to include locked-in inflation escalators, bundled pricing, warranty and software support, and an equipment upgrade in the middle of the contract term.</p> <p>Each of our sixty (60) sworn officers will be assigned a BWC. The purchasing agreement also provides for two (2) spare cameras and the associated charging stations and ancillary equipment.</p> <p>Funding for the project will be off-set by a grant obtained by the U.S. Department of Justice for Body-Worn Cameras (\$120,000.00), set aside funds previously budgeted for this expense (\$117,000.00), and City funding incorporated within our operating budget in the out years of this 10-year contract.</p>			
Attachments (please list): Master Services and Purchasing Agreement			
Recommendation/Suggested Action (briefly explain): Recommendation to approve a Resolution authorizing approval of a master services and purchasing agreement for police body-worn cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc.			



St. Charles Police Body Worn Camera Acquisition Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW



Safe T Act

A new Illinois law, HB 3653, signed in February 2021, required all police officers in the state to wear body worn cameras (BWC). The use of body worn cameras will help collect evidence while improving transparency and accountability, and strengthen public trust.

Body Camera Requirement

The Illinois State Police and law enforcement in the smallest municipalities and counties, with populations under 50,000, must have them in place by January 1, 2025. They must be equipped with pre-event recording of least the 30 seconds prior to camera activation and be capable of recording for a period of at least 10 hours. By law, recordings made on a BWC must be retained for a minimum of 90 days and must be destroyed unless it is considered a flagged encounter such as an arrest, a use of force incident, a complaint against the officer, or an event that will be used in a criminal proceeding.

Body Worn Camera (BWC) Operation Summary

BWC must be activated when an officer:

- Is engaged in law enforcement encounter activities, which include but are not limited to: traffic stops, pedestrian stops, arrests, searches, interrogations, investigations, pursuits, crowd control, traffic control, non-community caretaking interactions with an individual while on patrol, or any other instance in which the officer is enforcing the laws of the municipality, county, or State.

BWC need not be activated when an officer:

- Receives a request to not be recorded by a victim or witness reporting a crime not in progress.
- Engaging in a community care-taking function such as helping a lost child, well-being checks on the sick or elderly, providing death notifications, participating in town halls, or community outreach.
- While working on paperwork alone or only in the presence of other officers.

Body Worn Camera Systems

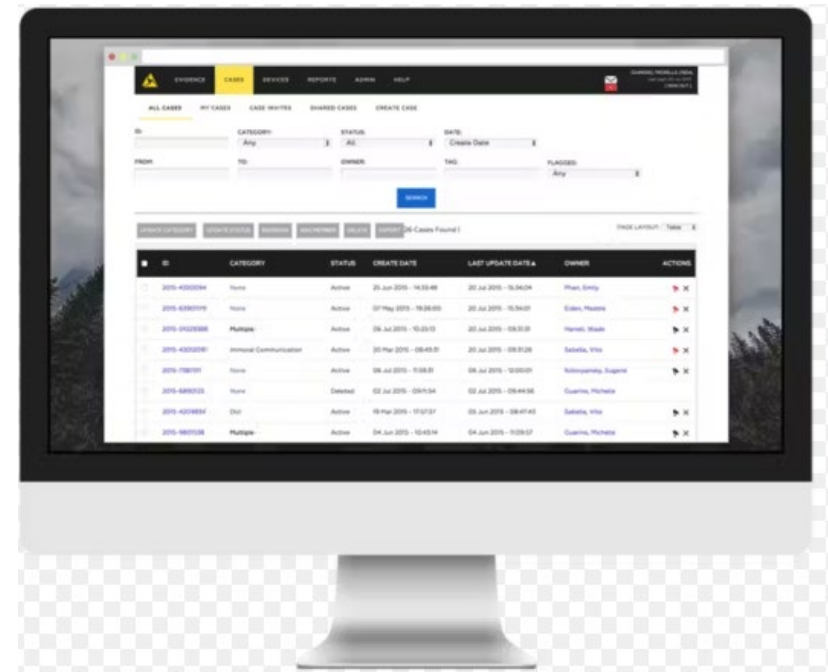
Hardware

- BWC and Docking Station to charge device and download footage



Software

- Cloud Based Platform for video upload, viewing, storage, and redaction application



Body Worn Camera Mounting



Squad Car Camera Systems

Front Windshield Camera

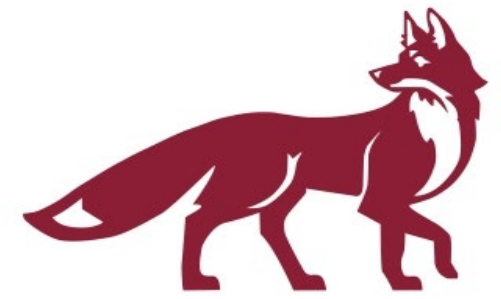


Rear seat/Prisoner Camera



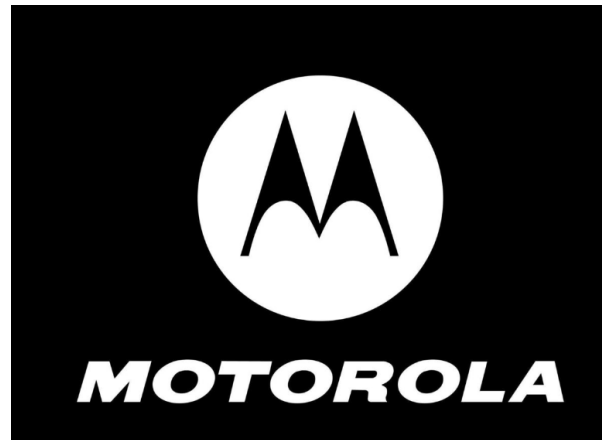
- Squad Camera and Officer BWC will pair and footage from cameras will be linked and can be viewed simultaneously
- Squad camera recording can be initiated by emergency light activation which will automatically activate the BWC of the assigned officer

Body Worn Camera/Squad Camera Beta Testing Process



BWC

Beginning in August of 2023, SCPD conducted testing with three different BWC vendors: Axon, Motorola, and Midwest Public Safety. Officers, supervisors, evidence, and records staff participated in various phases of the testing process by learning the functionality of the camera to record along with viewing, downloading, and redaction of the footage. The testing lasted about 30 days per vendor and was completed on November 24, 2023.



Squad Car Cameras

Safe T Act

- The Safe T Act does not require agencies to have squad car cameras, only body worn cameras. However, having both capabilities will be beneficial for evidentiary purposes, particularly for prosecuting DUI cases, along with increased transparency and accountability.

Midwest Public Safety

- SCPD tested one squad car camera with Midwest Public Safety. Only officers assigned to use the body worn cameras utilized the squad car camera. The squad car was equipped with two camera views; one out the front windshield and the other for the back seat prisoner transport seat.

BWC Beta Testing Evaluations



BWC Rankings by officers in order: #1 Axon, #2 Midwest Public Safety, #3 Motorola

- Officers ranked Axon #1 for overall ease of use, best system to tag events, highest quality video, camera was rugged, Axon phone app, and access online to view the footage was convenient. Officers also found the function of the actual camera to be user-friendly in addition to the mounting options for their vest carriers.

BWC Rankings by supervisors and records staff in order: #1 Axon, #2 Midwest Public Safety, #3 Motorola

- Staff ranked Axon #1 due to the detailed training presentation, the Evidence.com platform is easy to use from low-end user (Officers) to high-end user (Records Supervisor/Deputy Chief) and, most importantly in relation to FOIA requests, the redaction software was by far the most advanced and easy to use.
- Axon's overall customer service from sales representatives to service managers were very knowledgeable and responsive.

Axon Body 4 (released in 2023)

Features Include

- More expansive images and video with increased visibility and 160-degree field of view
- Secure, clearer, and more detailed images for improved evidence collection
- Faster, more convenient charging
- Enhanced collaboration with two-way communication feature enabling field personnel to share body camera livestreams with support teams



Axon Fleet 3 Basic + TAP

Features Include

- Two cameras; front windshield and rear seat prisoner view
- Fleet 3 activates cameras based on events like lightbar activation and speed threshold
- Wireless downloading of squad camera and BWC footage via in car computer (MDC)



TAP (Technology Assurance Plan)

- Provides warranty coverage for existing Axon cameras for a present number of years, after which they're replaced by the next models
- Additional onsite spares ensure officers are equipped with the tools they need and stay up to date with the newest Axon camera technology
- Replacement devices sent with 24 hours

Evidence.com

Features Include

- Video management software for BWC and Squad camera footage
- Redaction application to assist with FOIA request for video footage
- Manage users with varying access capabilities
 - Officers can only access their own recorded footage
 - Supervisors and Administration can view all footage
- All footage contains an audit trail which reveals the viewing history, date, and user
- SCPD is already using Evidence.com per Kane County and DuPage County State's Attorney mandate. All police reports, supporting documents, along with evidence in photo and video form, are uploaded per request by KCSAO/DPCSAO



Axon Taser Update

Previous Taser Model XP26P



New Model Taser 7



Taser 7 Features

- New rapid arc technology outperforms all previous Energy Weapons
- Spiral darts fly straighter and faster with nearly double the kinetic energy to compress loose and hanging clothing
- 93% increased probe spread at close range, where 85% of deployments occur
- New Taser platform allows training and on-duty deployment tracking via Evidence.com
- Contains two cartridges which can be changed by tilting the device versus X26P cartridges which have to be manually changed



Funding



- Purchasing Cooperative
 - Sourcewell Contract #010720-AXN
 - Additional savings through AXON for 10-year contract
- Grant Funding
 - Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau Of Justice Assistance (BJA)
 - Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Age
 - Awarded in September 2023
 - **\$120,000 over 3 years**
 - Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB)
 - SCPD will be seeking this in 2024
 - This is a reimbursement grant for 100% of the costs of In Car Cameras (up to \$5,752 per camera)
 - **Approximately \$115,000 potential award**
- Budgeted Funds
 - \$117,000 has been budgeted for In-car camera purchases
 - \$300,000 available in Police Department escrow funds (statutory court fine/fees distribution)

Quote Summaries

St. Charles Police Department														
Quote Summary - December 2023														
Axon Enterprise, Inc.														
Item	Term	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total Cost	Avg Savings per YR	Total Savings
TASER	60 months	\$13,198.33	\$13,726.26	\$14,275.31	\$14,846.32	\$15,440.18						\$71,486.40	\$1,321.92	\$6,609.60
In-car Camera	120 months	\$42,860.19	\$44,574.59	\$46,357.58	\$48,211.88	\$50,140.36	\$52,145.97	\$54,231.81	\$56,401.08	\$58,657.13	\$61,003.41	\$514,584.00	\$14,467.20	\$144,672.00
Body-worn Camera	120 months	\$153,058.25	\$82,219.35	\$85,508.12	\$88,928.45	\$92,485.59	\$96,185.01	\$100,032.41	\$104,033.71	\$108,195.05	\$112,522.86	\$1,023,168.80	\$3,023.28	\$30,232.80
TOTALS		\$209,116.77	\$140,520.20	\$146,141.01	\$151,986.65	\$158,066.13	\$148,330.98	\$154,264.22	\$160,434.79	\$166,852.18	\$173,526.27	\$1,609,239.20	\$18,812.40	\$181,514.40

Project Design and Implementation



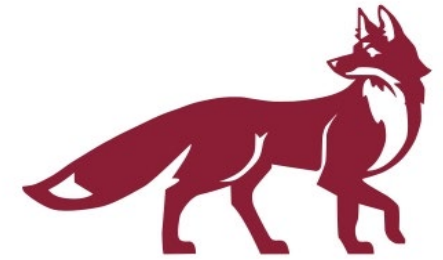
The St. Charles Police Department Body-Worn Camera Transparency and Accountability Program (BWC-TAP) will be a comprehensive program to implement the use of not only body-worn cameras, but police in-car cameras, as well. The program will be designed to ensure that SPCD complies with the State of Illinois mandate for the implementation of body-worn cameras prior to January 1, 2025. Implementation will be through a planned and phased approach involving key stakeholders such as prosecutors from the Kane and DuPage County State's Attorney Offices, City of St. Charles executive staff members and elected officials, police officer and sergeant union representatives, police command staff and regional policing partners, as well as citizens of the St. Charles community.

Implementation Steps



- Assignment of a BWC-PIP Grant Coordinator
- Assignment of a Camera Implementation Coordinator
- Establishment of policies and written directives related to implementation and use of body-worn cameras and in-car cameras
- Coordination with the SCPD Police Records Division and the property/evidence custodian regarding procedures for:
 - Media storage
 - Review, redaction, inspection, and distribution
 - Sharing with prosecutors and other court officials
 - Retention and destruction
- Identifying employee responsibilities from each section and identifying roles

Implementation Steps cont.



- Purchase and Installation
 - Solicitation and Procurement
 - Installation of in-car cameras
 - Vendor provided train the trainer sessions
- Implementation and Training
 - Training on use of in-car camera systems – all personnel
 - Issuance and training: body-worn cameras
- Full Implementation and Use
 - Go-Live date for all sworn personnel
 - All policies signed and acknowledged by all personnel
- Compliance with FOIA and applicable records retention laws
- Community outreach and public education regarding camera systems in use
- Maintain annual reporting on use-of-force incidents and citizen complaints.