

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2020

KPPCSD: CONTRACT FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS – KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND

The use of body-worn cameras (BWCs) has grown substantially throughout the law enforcement profession and is considered a best practice for the industry. Each of our surrounding allied agencies use BWCs, to include the Berkeley, Albany and El Cerrito Police Departments. Studies and anecdotal evidence show that BWCs provide high-quality evidence for criminal cases and frequently mitigate citizen complaints. BWCs that record officer interactions with the public have been widely regarded as tools that promote officer accountability, increased transparency and public trust. In addition, the costs for maintaining a BWC system have decreased significantly as the technology has developed. The Kensington Police Officers Association is supportive of the use of BWCs.

DISCUSSION

In keeping with best practice standards, the following criteria was considered in selecting a BWC system:

- The camera must be capable of pre-record, the recording of video prior to the activation of the device.
- The camera must be easy to manipulate to avoid missed recordings.
- The manufacturer must offer secure, tamper-proof data storage.
- The BWC videos must be easily downloaded and synced with the data storage.
- The quality of the video and audio must be suitable for presentation in court.

The Axon Body Two from Axon Enterprises, Inc. meets and exceeds these expectations by providing the following qualities:

- Durable design.
- Capable of pre-recording video prior to activation of the recording.
- Simple design with a large activation button that is easily manipulated to turn the recording on.
- 12-hour battery life.
- Equipped with signal technology that will automatically turn the camera on when the emergency lights are activated in the patrol car.
- Downloading occurs automatically when the device is placed on the charging dock.
- Data is stored securely on evidence.com, a secure platform requiring no local IT support and is Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) compliant.
- Axon is a major manufacturer of BWCs with police agencies throughout the world using their products.

The key terms of the contract with Axon are the following:

- Axon provides an annual maintenance plan that includes the cost of ongoing data storage, maintenance, and replacement for the BWCs. The cost is spread over a five-year period as follows:

○ Year one:	\$10,668.95
○ Year two:	\$5,068.32
○ Year three:	\$5,068.32
○ Year four:	\$5,068.32
○ Year five:	\$5,068.32
○ Total:	\$30,942.23

The purchase includes secure, off-site video data storage and equipment replacement. The services contracted through Axon include data storage for BWC video, a full warranty, replacement BWC units and docks at 30 and 60-month intervals, and new camera units at the onset of the contract.

RECOMMENDATION

Take public comment and decide by roll call vote if the Board wishes to approve the contract as presented.

If the Board approves the contract, the motion should authorize the Interim Police Chief to negotiate and execute the contract with Axon.

ATTACHMENTS

Kensington PD - AXON BWC Quote v.2 (TAP).pdf
KENSINGTON PD Body-Worn Camera Draft Policy.pdf

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