



Director's Justification Memo

DATE: 4/18/22

TO: Lucas Martsof, Assistant Township Manager

FROM: Kevin Meyer, Chief of Police

RE: Body Worn Camera Project

Munis Project Number: CP013

Munis Account(s): Capital Projects Fund/General Service 3400-6430



Check this box if the purchase is part of a capital project.

Project Title:

Body Worn Cameras

Purchase / Project Description:

Provide a detail description of the proposed requisition. (650 character limit)

The Department is requesting funding to implement a Body Worn Camera (BWC) program. The proposal is for a Video as a Service (VaaS or cloud-based) program which will house and provide secure access to BWC recordings and will also allow for current Mobile Video Recorder (MVR or in-car cameras) recordings to be housed on the same platform. A PCCD matching fund grant totaling \$33,600.00 was obtained to assist with implementation. The program costs include thirty-one (31) body worn cameras w/ subscription, two (2) additional user licenses, transfer stations, batteries, in-car base bundle, training and secure cloud data storage.



Purchase / Project Justification:

Describe why is this requisition is needed. What alternatives were considered? (650 character limit)

Video technologies allow officers to do their job more safely, efficiently, professionally and transparently, especially when cameras are integrated in the broader LE technology ecosystem. While various body worn camera vendors were considered, it was determined that WatchGuard, our current in-car camera solution, has compatible and robust BWC equipment/software and is the logical choice as the BWC vendor for the Department. This solution will allow for recordings from both MVR and BWC to be stored in the cloud and provide redaction, transcription, reporting, community interaction and case sharing capabilities.

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Purchase Cost Details:

Provide a summary of the estimated costs. (650 character limit.)

BWC program for five (5) years: **\$146,025.00***
Deferred (to be paid over 5 year period): \$ 62,235.00
Initial "as a service" payment \$ 75,975.00
Direct purchase items: \$ 7,725.00**
Total due at beginning of contract: \$ 83,700.00***
Annual Invoice: **\$12,465.00**

*cost includes ultd. storage for BWC and MVR for five (5) year period + 3 year equip refresh

**direct purchase items includes 2 add'tl subscriptions, batteries and 15 ICV base bundle

***grant funds totaling \$33,600.00 will be reimbursed to the Township



Staff Recommendation:

Describe the basis of your recommendation. (500 character limit.)

The Police Department has desired to implement a BWC program for a number of years. In 2021, the Department was successful in obtaining a matching grant from PCCD totaling \$33,600 to assist with the purchase of BWC's and related equipment, which the Department stands to lose this funding if the program is not executed during the funding period which expires in June of 2022. Alternatives were carefully reviewed by both the Police and IT Department before making this recommendation.

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(Attach image if, applicable.)

