



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-164, Approving the Purchase of 45 Axon Taser 10 Electronic Control Devices, Accessories, Evidence.com Storage, and Virtual Reality Training Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-164.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013 the Banning Police Department transitioned from the Axon Taser X26 to the more advanced Axon Taser X2. The transition allowed officers to quickly deploy two sets of probes for single or multiple target engagement without having to reload a second cartridge. One drawback to the X2 device was the effectiveness in close quarters situations where deployed probes did not have the distance to create the spread needed for neuromuscular incapacitation. To address this drawback Axon released the Taser 10 device in 2024. The new Taser 10 allows for a single probe to be fired with every trigger pull and makes it easier to get the desired probe spread to safely cause neuromuscular incapacitation.

Advantages of transitioning from Taser X2 to Taser 10:

- Standoff Range: Increases from 25 feet to up to 45 feet (increases officer safety).
- Probe/Shot Capacity: Increases from 2 cartridges (two shots) to 10 individually fired probes (increases effectiveness and officer safety).
- Targeting System: From dual laser system with standard accuracy to advanced green laser targeting with 200+ fps for enhanced accuracy.
- Adaptive Cross-Connect: Taser 10 uses advanced technology to optimize electrical pulse delivery.
- Precision Deployment: Each probe can be individually placed for optimal effectiveness.
- Auditory Warnings: Enhanced sound features for improved de-escalation capabilities.

JUSTIFICATION:

After approximately 12 years of Axon's Taser X2 being utilized by the Banning Police Department as a trusted less-lethal electronic control device (ECD), the Banning Police Department is in need of updated officer safety equipment. The Taser X2 was originally released in 2011 and was discontinued in 2024 (13 year product life). Only a handful of devices in the department's inventory are still serviceable under original purchase warranties and the remaining devices have no service support should they become inoperable for any reason.

The Axon Taser 7 has been on the market for 7 years, having been released in 2018, and replaced the Taser X3 (released 2009 - discontinued 2018, 9 year product life). The Taser 7 offers upgraded features

but operates much like the Taser X2 and has the same limitations. Based on life-span of previous product models developed by Axon, the Banning Police Department seeks to utilize the most up-to-date technology available. The decision to upgrade the department's equipment to the Taser 10 will ensure department personnel are best equipped to safely provide law enforcement service to the citizens and visitors of the City of Banning.

The Taser 10 purchase will include training aids (training cartridge suit, interactive virtual reality training system, training cartridges, and Taser instructor certification), and all needed holsters, batteries, charging docks, and cartridges (live, training, and inert). Over the 5-year payment term all replacement items will come at no charge (including replacement of used cartridges and warranty needs).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Banning Police Department aims to utilize Supplemental Law Enforcement funding from Fund 148 (Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund), Account 148-2200-421.90-56 (Machinery Equipment) to make the purchase of Axon Taser 10 devices and accessories in 5 annual payments for a total purchase of \$282,338.63. An appropriation is required for the first purchase this fiscal year. Future budgets will include the needed funds in the account. The current balance of Fund 148 is \$359,990.59. The purchase will be made directly through Axon Enterprises Inc. through Sourcewell CEW Contract # 092722-AXN.

February 2026 - \$56,467.73
February 2027 - \$56,467.73
February 2028 - \$56,467.73
February 2029 - \$56,467.73
February 2030 - \$56,467.71

Total - \$282,338.63

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not adopt Resolution 2025-164 and provide alternative direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution_2025-164.docx](#)
2. [Banning Police Dept. - CA - T10 Cert Pro Sourcewell Quote.pdf](#)
3. [Banning Police Department - T10 Presentation.pptx](#)