



Agenda Item: 15.B  
Date of Meeting: July 22, 2024  
Department: Police

## STAFF REPORT

To: City Council  
From: Nate Derr  
Subject: **Axon Enterprise, Inc. Draft One Software Subscription**  
Prepared On: July 5, 2024  
Attachments: Draft One Software Subscription Agreement

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### Background/History:

The Bishop Police Department currently issues Axon (industry standard) body worn cameras and is under contract with Axon for the next four years. These cameras are used within policy:

### **424.6 ACTIVATION OF THE PORTABLE RECORDER**

This policy is not intended to describe every possible situation in which the portable recorder should be used, although there are many situations where its use is appropriate. Members should activate the recorder any time the member believes it would be appropriate or valuable to record an incident.

The portable recorder should be activated in any of the following situations:

1. All enforcement and investigative contacts including stops and field interview (FI) situations
2. Traffic stops including, but not limited to, traffic violations, stranded motorist assistance and all crime interdiction stops
3. Self-initiated activity in which a member would normally notify Dispatch
4. Any other contact that becomes adversarial after the initial contact in a situation that would not otherwise require recording

Members should remain sensitive to the dignity of all individuals being recorded and exercise sound discretion to respect privacy by discontinuing recording whenever it reasonably appears to the member that such privacy may outweigh any legitimate law enforcement interest in recording. Requests by members of the public to stop recording should be considered using this same criterion. Recording should resume when privacy is no longer at issue unless the circumstances no longer fit the criteria for recording.

At no time is a member expected to jeopardize his/her safety in order to activate a portable recorder or change the recording media. However, the recorder should be activated in

situations described above as soon as reasonably practicable.

Analysis/Discussion:

Axon has developed specialized AI software designed specifically for their own ecosystem of products, namely their body-worn cameras and the video storage system called evidence.com. This software leverages the unique capabilities and integration possibilities within Axon's hardware and software platforms to enhance evidence collection and streamline report writing processes.

This software is only compatible with Axon's own devices and systems. This offers more seamless and efficient operations for law enforcement evidence management and documentation. Three quotes were not gathered, as this expense is permitted via a sole source justification pursuant to the City's Purchasing Policy Section 16. Below is a snippet of the section of the policy.

*Products that have been proven to be the only acceptable or compatible products to be utilized with existing City systems or equipment, but that available on the open market from multiple sources may be classified as sole source purchases.*

Economic Impacts:

**Some direct economic impacts of AI assisted report writing and transcription are:**

**- Increased Police Department efficiency:** The software upgrade would significantly reduce the time that officers spend on writing reports and will allow for them to focus on other duties. Potential for a reduction in overtime wages. Potential for reduced training costs as report writing will become more simplified.

**- Reduction in errors and liability:** Use of the software upgrade could enhance the accuracy and consistency of reports, potentially reducing errors that can lead to legal challenges and associated costs. Use of the software could also help in ensuring that reports comply with legal standards and protocols can reduce the risk of costly litigation and fines.

**Some indirect economic impacts of AI assisted report writing and transcription are:**

**- Productivity gains:** By freeing up time for officers, AI-assisted report writing can increase the overall productivity of the police force. Officers can spend more time on patrol, community engagement, and other critical tasks. With more time available for proactive policing and investigative work, the overall effectiveness of the police force can improve, potentially leading to a reduction in crime rates.

**- Public safety and community relations:** Improved efficiency can lead to faster response times, enhancing public safety, and potentially reducing the economic costs associated with crime. Better and more accurate reporting can improve transparency and trust between the police and the community, which can have long-term economic benefits in terms of social stability and reduced crime rates.

**- Economic development:** A safer community can attract businesses and investments, contributing to economic growth. Reduced crime rates and increased police engagement can lead to higher property values.

Budget Impacts:

The Draft One software agreement requires a four-year commitment. This expense was not included in the FY 2024-2025 budget, and upon approval, the expense account 033-033-57000 would be increased by \$15,360.48. The subscription expense would be budgeted within the same expense account for the subsequent three fiscal years included within the agreement. The total cost pursuant to the four-year agreement is \$61,441.92.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve the Axon Enterprise, Inc. agreement as presented, not to exceed a total amount of \$61,441.92 for the four-year agreement, and to approve the execution of the agreement by Police Chief Derr.

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