



# Body Worn Camera and In-Car Video Solution

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# Presentation Overview

- Background of current contracts
  - In-car Video
  - Body Cameras
- Purpose
- Recommendation



# In-Car Video Background

- 2010 contract with COBAN Technologies (“COBAN”)
- In-car video cameras are used by SAPD
- Car dash-board cameras gather and store video recordings of officer and resident interaction from the patrol vehicle perspective
- Data is saved to a server-based platform
- Majority of in-car video cameras at end-of life and need to be replaced
- SAPD and ITSD conducted evaluation and testing to replace existing units
- Current contract expires December 31, 2023
- Annual expense: \$833,450



# In-Car Video

## Current System

- Vehicle-mounted cameras
  - Supports officer safety
  - Encourages lawful and respectful interactions
  - Fosters accountability through video record
  - Provides videos for investigation and criminal prosecution
  - Improves training
- Challenges
  - User interface is difficult for officers to enter data
  - Requires manual labeling
  - Videos uploaded wirelessly only while at the substations
  - Vehicle hard drive fills up due to incomplete uploads



# Body Worn Camera Background

- 2015 contract with Taser International, Inc. (currently known as Axon)
- Body Worn Cameras are used by SAPD, Parks and Airport Police, Fire, and Arson
- Equipment gathers and stores video recordings of officer and resident interaction
- Current contract expires October 2023
- Annual expense: \$2.4 million



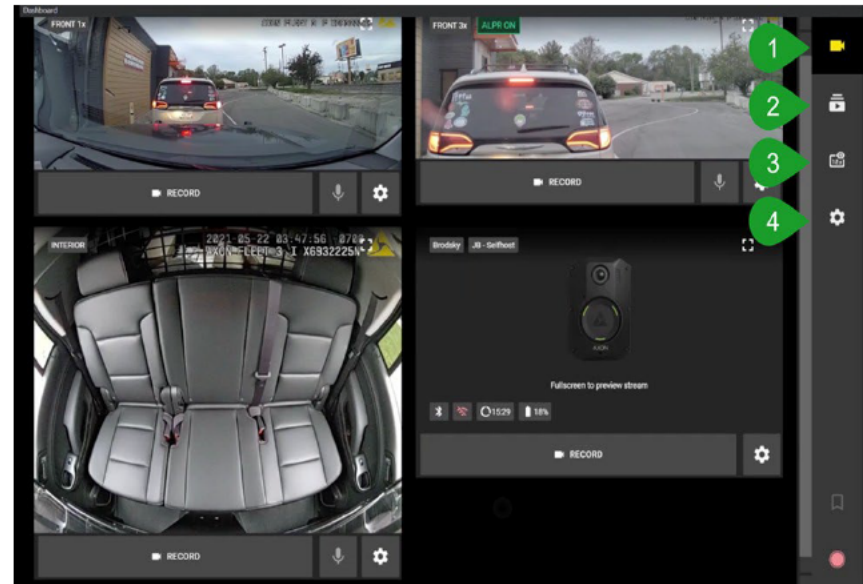
# Purpose

- Provide a consolidated technology solution for front and back-end digital video evidence tools
- Through combined testing and evaluation, SAPD and ITSD identified the best in-car video platform to support sworn officers
- Increase the capabilities of the digital video evidence management system to store images, audio, and documents and provide advanced tools to include redaction, transcription, integration, and sharing with Bexar County District Attorney



# Method

- Extend and amend existing Axon contract to provide the City with an integrated technology solution for body worn camera and in-car video
- Term of the contract:
  - 5 years
  - Plus 2, 2-year, and
  - 1, 1- year renewal
- Funding for the first year in the amount of \$7,400,202.40, is in the FY 2024 Budget
  - General Fund
  - Airport Operations and Maintenance





# Recommendation

- Staff recommends the approval of an ordinance to authorize a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., utilizing existing contract terms, to provide the City with an integrated technology solution for body worn camera and in-car video.







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