



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William McManus, Chief of Police

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Body Worn Camera and In-Car Video Solution for the San Antonio Police Department

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or designee to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., amending and extending existing contract terms, to provide the City with an integrated technology solution for body worn camera and in-car video. The term of the contract is for an initial five years with two, two-year, and one, one-year renewals. Funding for the first year of the agreement in the amount of \$7,400,202.40 is available from the FY 2024 Budget in the General Fund and Airport Operations and Maintenance Fund. Funding for subsequent years is subject to appropriation of future operating budgets.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Axon Technology that utilizes existing terms for the Body Worn Camera and adds in-car video technology that results in a consolidated technology solution for front and back-end digital evidence tools.

The City currently holds two separate contracts for Body Worn Cameras and In-Car video.

- **In-Car Video:** In October 2010, SAPD contracted with COBAN Technologies to equip police patrol vehicles with mobile video and voice recording equipment installed in marked patrol vehicles. This equipment gathers video evidence of officer and resident interactions from the patrol vehicle perspective, with data saved to a server-based system. The COBAN In-Car Video units are reaching end-of-life status and require replacement.

- **Body Worn Cameras:** In October 2015, City Council authorized the execution of a contract with Taser International, Inc. (currently known as Axon) to provide SAPD with Body Worn Camera Technology Solutions. The body worn camera equipment can gather and store video evidence recordings of officer and resident interactions. The initial term for this contract was October 1, 2015, through October 28, 2020, with three additional one-year renewals at the City's option through October 28, 2023.

In 2022, SAPD and the Information Technology Services Department (ITSD) conducted an exploratory process that included contract review, product reviews, demonstrations testing, and pricing evaluations to identify the best in-car video platform to support sworn officers and provide the greatest reliability and efficiency. The secondary goal was to consolidate all video evidence under one existing vendor platform that would meet the functional needs of multiple camera requirements utilizing a robust digital evidence management system.

In September 2022, the SAPD provided a briefing to the Public Safety Committee on the process to recommend a vendor for the consolidation of all video evidence technology.

Following multiple discussions, product demonstrations and extensive comparative field testing SAPD and ITSD determined that the Axon Fleet 3 In-Car camera solution best supported the goal to seamlessly integrate with the current digital video evidence management system. Specifically, Axon's evidence.com is a cloud-based digital evidence management system that allows SAPD to manage, review, and share video digital evidence within a secure platform. This system not only stores digital evidence (videos, audio, images, documents), but also provides advanced tools such as redactions, case building, transcriptions, sharing and integrations. This solution will enable a more efficient interface to ingest evidence into the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. Evidence.com will become the backbone of the City's video evidence management system, incorporating all digital and video evidence in one location.

On October 10, 2023, the SAPD provided a briefing to the Public Safety Committee on the recommended solution to integrate all video evidence technology.

This contract will provide video evidence technology to the San Antonio Police, Parks Police, Airport Police and San Antonio Fire Department Arson Division.

Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements are not applicable to this agreement.

The recommended award is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

The Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program does not apply to non-professional services, so no preference was applied to this contract.

**ISSUE:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to provide the San Antonio Police Department, Park Police, Aviation Police and San Antonio Fire Department Arson Division with a consolidated technology solution for front and back-end digital video evidence tools. The term of the contract is for an initial five years with two, two-year, and one, one- year renewal.

The table below provides the annual cost of this contract for the initial five-year term:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 2024	7,400,202.40
FY 2025	8,541,495.95
FY 2026	9,010,468.67
FY 2027	9,534,119.12
FY 2028	9,950,426.33

Funding for the first year of the agreement in the amount of \$7,400,202.40 is available from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Of this amount, \$7,273,007.20 is available from the General Fund and \$127,195.20 is available from the Airport Operations and Maintenance Fund.

The approximate cost of the renewal options beyond the initial five-year term of the agreement is \$11.8 million on average annually.

Funding for years beyond FY 2024 is subject to appropriation of future operating budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval.