



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 4

**Agenda Date:** September 27, 2022

**In Control:** Public Safety Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

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

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Recommendation to Procure New Handguns and New In-Car Video System

**SUMMARY:**

Briefing by the San Antonio Police Department on upcoming department procurements

- A. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) replacement of existing duty guns.
- B. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department's replacement of existing in-car video recording system and upgrade to a system that includes cloud-based storage, integrates with officer's body-cameras, as well as linking/activating the video recording system of other officers within range

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- A. SAPD has carried the Smith & Wesson .40 caliber duty handgun since 2013, these guns have a life expectancy of 10 years. In January 2021, the Labor Relations Committee (LRC) began evaluating the most current law enforcement handgun models.

Based on the LRC's recommendation, a brand-specific Request for Offer was released on July 19, 2022 and closed on August 19, 2022. A vendor was selected on a low-bid basis for a contract upon City Council award. As part of the purchase agreement, the selected vendor will manage the City's

Officer Retention Program, which permits existing officers to purchase their currently issued service weapon. The total proceeds for all purchased old handguns through the Officer Retention Program will offset the cost of the new weapons. Any old duty handguns not purchased will be destroyed by the City.

- B. In October 2010, the SAPD installed COBAN Technologies (“COBAN”) vehicle-mounted cameras in police patrol vehicles. Vehicle-mounted cameras support public and officer safety and are used to contemporaneously create an objective recording of law enforcement encounters, provide archived videos for investigations and criminal prosecutions, improve training techniques, foster accountability, and encourage lawful and respectful interaction between the public and police. The camera systems serve as an effective tool for helping the public access and understand interactions between officers and community members.

The COBAN In-Car Video units are reaching end-of-life status and require replacement. A project team consisting of SAPD Officers and ITSD personnel are thoroughly examining potential cloud-based in-car camera solutions from SAFE Fleet/COBAN and Axon Fleet 3. SAPD and ITSD are evaluating both vendors to purchase cameras and applicable licenses for each SAPD patrol vehicle. The selected vendor must provide a video cloud-based storage solution, which partners with the body-camera storage solution, to store, manage, retrieve and share captured digital video. At this time, in-car video and body worn camera recordings are stored in separate systems. Housing in-car video and body worn camera video within a single software solution is optimal for managing, reporting, and producing video evidence.

Once a vendor is recommended, the procurement of the in-car video system will be brought to the City Council for consideration during FY 2023.

#### **ISSUE:**

- A. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department’s (SAPD) replacement of existing duty guns.
- B. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department’s replacement of existing in-car video recording system and upgrade to a system that includes cloud-based storage, integrates with officer’s body-cameras, as well as linking/activating the video recording system of other officers within range.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

- A. The estimated total cost of the duty handgun replacement is \$2,191,140, of which an estimated \$508,500 from the Officer Retention Program will be used to offset the purchase. Funding for the remaining \$1,682,940 is available in the SAPD’s General Fund Budget.
- B. Funding in the amount of \$1,700,000 is available in the SAPD’s General Fund Budget. Funding for future years is subject to City Council approval as part of the annual budget process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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