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Department of Safety

Denver Police Department

Denver Sheriff Department

Axon Enterprise, Inc.

Contract Amendment

Body Camera, Evidence.com & Tasers

Safehouse Committee

November 18, 2020

Original Contract

- Term: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020
- Amount: \$6,101,035
- Scope: DPD Body Cameras & Evidence.com

Contract Amendment

- Term: July 1, 2020 – December 15, 2025
- Amount: \$15,996,615
- Scope:
 - DPD BWC & Evidence.com: \$8,256,665.40
 - DPD Taser: \$3,599,999.10
 - DSD BWC & Evidence.com: \$2,954,334.60
 - BWC, invoiced in May \$1,185,616

BWC are used to:

- document response and actions, including calls for service and self-initiated contacts that could result in law enforcement action
- capture instances of use of force
- resolve complaints made against officers and deputies during the course of their duties
- aid in training and performance feedback, ensuring the professionalism of all Denver Police and Denver Sheriff personnel
- SB-217 mandates the usage of BWC for law enforcement officers
- DPD OMS 119.04(3) outlines when they must be activated
 - Added Metro/SWAT planned tactical operations in June 2020 after feedback from community
- DSD Dept Order 1.00.3001 establishes procedures related to use, management, storage and data retrieval
- Beginning 2017, BWCs required for uniformed off-duty secondary employment
- Recording limitations in certain settings like healthcare, restrooms, and schools



Denver Police Department Body Worn Cameras

Denver Police Department Body Camera Information

- 1,670 BWC's will be upgraded beginning July 2021
- New program will include upgraded BWC's and will automatically begin recording if an officer draws their firearm or arms their TASER.
- New officer safety features will enable DPD to locate officers via real-time body camera GPS

Denver Sheriff Department Body Camera Information

A total of 555 BWC's will be delivered by January, 2023

- Phase 1: 130 BWC's to be deployed in Jan 2021
(15 existing BWC's will be refreshed)
 - 95 deployed in Intake; 35 deployed in ERU
- Phase 2: 150 BWC's to be deployed in Jan 2022
- Phase 3: 150 BWC's to be deployed in July 2022
- Phase 4: 110 BWC to be deployed in Jan 2023

- **BWC Connectivity with Evidence.Com**
 - Designed to operate and communicate with Evidence.Com
 - the upload process,
 - chain of custody, and
 - video authenticity-checks
 - Body camera health-checks, firmware updates, and feature upgrades are all delivered through Evidence.Com.
 - Axon Body camera video syncs when officers are in close proximity, for multiscreen playback in Evidence.Com.

- **Automated Recording**
 - Body worn cameras begin automatically recording when an officer draws a firearm or arms their TASER
 - Provides critical and valuable video evidence of any incident

Digital Evidence Repository

- **Workflow Continuity**
 - Manage digital evidence from BWCs or outside sources
 - More secure, decreasing liability and increasing speed of data transfer
 - DPD shares video files with the Denver District Attorney and the City Attorney's Office, who have also standardized access on Evidence.Com to manage their digital evidence.
 - OIM has access to video evidence downloaded into IAPro
 - Discovery Requests & CORA
 - Share evidence with defense attorneys
 - Share evidence for CORA requests
- **Continuity of Service**
 - DPD currently stores more than 37 terabytes of digital evidence, or 1.6 million pieces of digital evidence.
 - All video is categorized with officer notes, call types, case ID, and other information that supports the organization, retention schedules, and searchability of DPD's digital evidence.

Tasers are used to:

- safely control or take into custody an individual whose conduct rises to Active Aggression; or
- Safely control an individual who is threatening or attempting suicide.

Safer than hands-on for suspect, officer, and uninvolved parties

Prohibited points of aim:

- Head
- Eyes
- Throat
- Neck
- Breasts of a female
- Genitalia
- Pelvis
- Spinal column
- Open wounds

- **Increased Effectiveness**
 - Significantly improved accuracy and attainment, minimizing need for escalated use of force
 - Audible ‘warning arc’ helps officers safely deescalate without use of force
- **Improved Workflow**
 - Automated management of inventory, firmware updates, and uploading firing logs
 - Axon estimates new workflow saves each officer 3 hours per year
- **Enhanced Training**
 - TASER 7 Training is focused on de-escalation and delivered through Virtual Reality

- **Police Department**
 - 1,000 TASER Replacements in Year 1
 - All TASER 7 are warranted throughout duration of contract
 - Replaces current model
- **Sheriff Department**
 - Current state: 120 Model X26 Tasers in use
 - Created five-year plan to support future training, certification of instructors, and maintaining equipment and operational condition
 - Future state: 150 TASER 7, consistent with DPD

- Training is focused on de-escalation
 - Core of training is all about de-escalation
 - VR Module designed to support de-escalation curricula
 - More scenario based training
 - Developed with LE, CIT and mental health experts



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QUESTIONS?

