



Riverside Police Department Body Worn Camera Program

Riverside Police Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

On December 6, 2016 the Council approved the purchase of 200 Body-worn Cameras (BWC) with \$150,000 awarded the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice, as well as matching City funds in the amount of \$150,000.



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BACKGROUND

- The grant includes \$150K for:
 1. 100 BWC
 2. Training for Department personnel
 3. Any additional storage and upload requirements



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BACKGROUND

- The City matches \$150K for:
 1. 100 additional BWC
 2. Mandated training for the Grant Manager and Program Manager
 3. Any additional IT related costs



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DISCUSSION

1. The Department conducted three different tests with vendors
2. Each test had 20 sworn volunteers
3. Testing lasted an average of three months
4. Tests recommended particular BWC and functionality
5. Tests also included recommendations for the Department policy



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DISCUSSION

1. Contract awarded to Coban Technologies
2. Purchase Order has been issued
3. Estimated delivery - first quarter of 2017



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DISCUSSION

- Coban Technologies currently supplies:
 1. In-car camera system
 2. Interview room camera system
 3. Back Office software for video management



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DISCUSSION

- Policy
 1. In development for a year with cooperation between PD management, RPOA, RPAA and City Attorney
 2. Policy includes digital audio, in-car and BWC
 3. CPRC briefed on the policy on December 14, 2016



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DISCUSSION

- Policy highlights:
 1. Virtually all officer contacts will be recorded, including dispatched calls for service
 - A. Research shows the majority of complaints and use of force occur during dispatched calls for service
 2. Exceptions include special events such as community events, SRO on campus conducting general interaction with students, and general public contacts such as asking for directions



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DISCUSSION

3. Officers will be mandated to review any audio or video recording prior to writing a report
4. In the event of a critical incident, the officer will give a full statement to investigators prior to watching or listening to any available recordings. This statement will go well beyond the typical Public Safety Statement. Once investigators start to ask questions, the officer will have the opportunity to review any available recordings.
5. The BWC will be designated as the primary recording device



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DISCUSSION

- Training:
 1. Managers and supervisors will be fully briefed on the policy
 2. Department-wide distribution of the policy
 3. Train the Trainers provided by Coban Technologies and the program manager
 4. General distribution of the BWCs
 5. Training for all sworn personnel
 6. Training for detectives on critical incident interviews



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DISCUSSION

- Technical information:
 1. 200 BWCs
 2. Viewable in the police unit
 3. Officers will upload in the police unit, eliminating the time and need to upload at a computer in the station
 4. Server based so videos can be viewed from any computer within the PD network
 - A. Videos can be used during roll call for training purposes



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DISCUSSION

- Program start date:
 1. Contingent on delivery of the BWC
 2. Proper training of personnel
 3. Estimated for the first quarter of 2017



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DISCUSSION

- Public records request:
 1. All audio and video recordings will be classified as "investigative" and not subject to PRA
 2. Chief of Police has the authority to release any recording deemed to be in the best interest of the Department



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DISCUSSION

- The CPRC will receive virtually all recordings as part of their investigations. Exceptions will include, but may not be limited to:
 1. Depictions of a dying person at the moment of death
 2. Recordings that could lead to the identity of the victims of sexual crimes and domestic violence



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive and file the Body-worn Camera Program report.



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