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To: Honorable Lucy Chang Evans, Chair of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee
Members of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee

From: Deputy Chief Dan Bilodeau

Date: 09/21/2023

Re: Axon Contract Consolidation

Background:

At the next Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting you will see a request to enter a contract with Axon Enterprise for the purchase of Taser devices and Body Worn Camera's (BWCs). The reason for this request stems from the Sheriff's Office currently holding three different contracts with Axon. The goal of this request is to place all of the Tasers and BWC's on the same contract making it both easier administratively and ensuring DuPage County Sheriff's Deputies receive equipment that meets their needs.

The three contracts currently held are for the following models of Taser devices:

- 1.) Taser X26 (expired)
- 2.) Original Taser 7 contract (expiring)
- 3.) Taser 7/BWC Contract

Our first Axon contract was for the purchase of X26 model Tasers. This contract has since expired and we purchase all parts at retail price. These devices are also well out of warranty. This new single contract allows the Sheriff's Office to upgrade these Tasers and ensure replacement parts are included in the lease cost.

The second contract is the original contract that allowed for a trial of the Taser 7 models. After our initial trial of Taser 7's full implementation occurred in the Sheriff's Office. This contract is set to expire and a new contract will be needed regardless. By unifying these three contracts the Taser 7 models will now mirror the amounts of needed BWC's for Law Enforcement Bureau Deputies.

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The third contract consists of Taser 7's and BWC's. This contract is not yet set to expire; however, this unified contract will allow a refresh and move all of our equipment to the newest technology and put all of our devices under warranty.

The current cost of the two Taser 7 contracts is approximately \$541,000 plus an additional \$50,000-\$60,000/year for Taser X26 parts and replacements. This brings the total costs for BWC's and Taser's to \$591,000 to \$601,000 a year. While the cost of this proposed unified Axon contract is \$680,000/year, we will have the newest technology, renewed/up to date warranties, and ease of billing and payments. This contract also reflects a credit of approximately \$120,000 for trading in all old X26 devices.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.