



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager  
FROM: Eric English, Chief of Police  
DATE: January 28, 2019  
RE: Supplemental Appropriation – Police Department

### **Summary:**

Consider a supplemental appropriation for the Police Department in the amount of \$74,443.25 from state asset forfeiture funds.

### **Background:**

Funds will be used for purchasing a contract with Axon Enterprise for a replacement of the existing vehicle fleet in-car camera system and acquisition of more cameras to cover our patrol fleet. Axon is currently a company with whom we already utilize with our fleet in-car camera systems. The company is nationally known for their camera technology systems and the current systems have been effective for the Harrisonburg Police Department.

### **Key Issues:**

- Our current in-car camera systems are two separate systems that utilize two separate databases.
- This will allow us to consolidate all our systems into one unified system.
- We currently spend hours on FOIA requests related to our current in-car camera systems and this will expedite this process.
- We currently do not have the capability of sharing the videos with the CWA without having to burn a copy. The new system will allow us to share without having to burn a copy which is much more efficient.
- This system will also provide us the capability of an audit trail as to who downloaded a video.
- We do not need a server for this system as it is stored in the cloud.
- Our current patrol fleet is not fully equipped with in-car cameras and this will provide standardization for officer safety and accountability.
- This will also allow officer body cameras to sync to the in-car video recordings.
- This product will also allow us the ability to redact video when needed for public or citizen review.

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**Environmental Impact:** NONE

**Fiscal Impact:** This action will increase the General Fund budget by \$74,443.25 using funds from the state asset forfeiture account. There will also be annual fee associated with this system of approximately \$48,000 which will include hardware replacement and unlimited secure storage needs.

**Prior Actions:**

**Alternatives:**

- (a) Replacing each camera at \$5000 per unit with an additional \$700 dollars per unit for support
- (b) Continue with the present old L3 system and have two separate systems operating in our fleet
- (c)

**Community Engagement:** None.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the supplemental appropriation.

**Attachments:** Supplemental appropriation

**Review:**

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