REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

TO: City Council
FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT): Police Department
DATE: 3/3/2015

SUBJECT: San Diego Police Department Body Worn Camera Program Update

PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE): Michael Swanson, (619) 531-2172, MS 776
SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE):

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PREPARATION OF: ☐ RESOLUTIONS ☐ ORDINANCE(S) ☐ AGREEMENT(S) ☐ DEED(S)

This is an Information Only item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
This is an Information Only item.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
COMMUNITY AREA(S): All
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: This activity is not a Project as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and Section 15378(b)(5). Based on the CEQA definitions above,
The activity, which would award a contract for the implementation of the Enterprise Public Safety Network and provide networking services for the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments, does not meet the definition of a project and would therefore, not be subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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SUBJECT: San Diego Police Department Body Worn Camera Program Update
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Michael Swanson/(619) 531-2172, MS 776

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM:
Information update on the San Diego Police Department's Body Worn Camera Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
This is an Information Only item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

On January 6, 2014, the San Diego Police Department started a field test of body worn cameras. The field test concluded on March 7, 2014. On June 30, 2014, the San Diego Police Department began implementing its body worn camera program. Since that time 600 body worn cameras have been deployed to uniformed officers making us the largest city in the nation with this many cameras.

Three hundred cameras were purchased from Taser International at the end of fiscal year 2014. An additional three hundred cameras were purchased in fiscal year 2015. Body worn cameras were deployed in Central Division, Mid-City Division, and Southeastern Division first, followed by Western Division, Northern Division, Southern Division, and the Gang Suppression Team.

Phase one of the program consisted of three hundred cameras being issued. The first wave of camera deployments began on June 30, 2014, with seventy-five cameras divided among Central Division, Mid-City Division, and Southeastern Division. The second wave of camera deployments began on August 25, 2014, with seventy-five cameras again divided among Central Division, Mid-City Division, and Southeastern Division. The third wave of camera deployments began on September 29, 2014, with one hundred and fifty cameras allocated among the same three divisions.

Phase two of the program began on October 27, 2014, with the deployment of three hundred additional cameras. The deployment at Central Division, Mid-City Division, and Southeastern Division were finished, while Western Division, Northern Division, Southern Division, and the Gang Suppression Team were started.

The implementation was planned incrementally to coincide with infrastructure upgrades being completed to handle the additional bandwidth use. In July 2014, the city’s main lines, and the lines used by the outlying divisions were upgraded to higher speeds, allowing for faster downloads and uploads of video footage to the cloud based storage and digital evidence management system.
Training programs were developed for patrol officers, investigators and supervisors. The Department’s Internal Affairs Unit and the Citizen’s Review Board were trained on the program and procedures governing its usage. During the development of our comprehensive body worn camera policy we sought out our community stakeholders and welcomed their input. We have carefully drafted our policy to balance a citizen’s right to a fair trial, the preservation of evidence, the protection of privacy rights and police officer accountability.

The contract with Taser International specifies four hundred additional cameras to be purchased in fiscal year 2016. These cameras would be deployed to commands not yet outfitted with body worn cameras, to include Northwestern Division, Northeastern Division, Eastern Division, and Traffic Division.

Body worn camera technology is a win-win for both the officer and the community. Although only implemented for a relatively short period of time, the results are very promising, showing a reduction in citizen complaints, allegations, and a reduction of some use of force applications.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee): N/A

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: N/A

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: N/A

Ramirez, David
Originating Department

Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer
Phase 1 – 300 Cameras

Central, Mid–City, Southeastern and Infrastructure Upgrades

Phase 2 – 300 Cameras

- Finish Central, Mid–City, Southeastern
- Start Northern, Southern, Western
- Gang Suppression Team
Future Implementation

Phase 3 – 400 cameras
Fiscal Year 2016

Northeastern
Eastern
Northwestern
Traffic Officers and Motors
Training Programs Developed

- Patrol
- Investigators
- Sergeants
- Internal Affairs
- Citizen’s Review Board
Body Camera Impacts

- Evidence Being Gathered
- Complaints Being Resolved
- Force Applications Being Reduced
Complaints 2014

Mid-City, Southeastern, Central

January through June compared to July through December

Total Complaints
40.54% Reduction

Total Allegations
59.76% Reduction
Use of Force

Mid-City, Southeastern, Central


- Personal Body Weapon
  46.5% Reduction

- Chemical Agents
  30.5% Reduction
Questions?