



La Palma City Council
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Council Member Request

Body-Worn Camera Program



Body-Worn Camera (BWC)

- **Introduced about 10 Years Ago**
- **Major Topic of Discussion over the Past Several Years**
- **Being Used by Many Agencies**





Current Video System (In-Car)

- **Started About 20 Years Ago**
- **Proven to be a Valuable Tool**
- **\$55,000 with 5-6 Year Replacement (Current System Replaced in 2017)**
- **BWC Would Supplement, not Replace In-Car Video**





Body-Worn Camera

- **Need for the Police Department and the Community**
- **Some Are Results of:**
- **High Profile Incidents**
- **Excessive Use of Force**
- **Police Misconduct**
- **Common Belief & Theory – Better Behavior**



Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)

- **National Research & Survey – April, 2018**
- **893 Law Enforcement Agencies**
- **35% Currently Using BWC**
- **92% Indicated Using BWC to Promote Accountability, Transparency, and Legitimacy**



Body-Worn Camera Costs

- **Can Be Significant**
- **Up-Front Costs – Camera & Related Equipment**
- **Back-End Costs Over the Long Run**
- **Requires Purchase of New Equipment or Subscription to a Cloud-Based Storage System**
- **Video Storage – Cumulative Effect**



Body-Worn Camera Costs

- **Staff Time for Maintaining & Sharing Video Data**
- **Review & Tag Footage**
- **Categorize Incidents & Document Locations**
- **Fulfill Public Records Requests**
- **AB 748 Impact on PRA Requests**
- **Significant Administrative Costs**



PERF Research Comparison

- **Body-Worn Camera Cost vs. Lawsuit Payout**
- **Annual Body-Worn Camera Cost – From \$1,125 to \$2,198 Per Camera**
- **Insufficient Data to Indicate Whether BWC Programs Had Any Significant Impact on Number of Lawsuits and Payout Amount**



La Palma Study

- **Statistical Data from 2014 to 2018**
- **Total Number of Incidents Handled**
- **Number of Arrests**
- **Number of Use of Force Incidents**
- **Number of Formal Citizen Complaints**
- **Number of Lawsuits**



2014 to 2018 Stats

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Incidents	15,768	14,747	16,155	18,505	19,290
Arrests	383	266	374	402	393
Citizen Complaint	0	1	1	0	0
Use of Force	6	4	5	12	12
Lawsuit	0	0	0	0	0



Body-Worn Camera Program Cost for LPPD

- **30 Cameras**
- **Axon – Industry Leading Brand**
- **System Cost - Roughly \$22,000 per Year**
- **Personnel Cost - \$100,000 per Year**
- **Total Cost: \$122,000 per Year**



QUESTIONS?