

2019 No Tax Increase Bond Issue Project Information

Project Name: Police in car video system replacement and body worn camera

Estimated Project Costs: \$1,000,000

Project Timeframe: One (1) year

Project Scope/Details: Complete replacement of the current audio and video recording system in the patrol cars. Addition of body worn cameras and data storage solution.

Project Narrative (describe project value to public):

In car camera and body-worn camera systems are commonplace with policing in America. The camera systems provide transparency for the community and safety for law enforcement. In addition, both are great tools for capturing and documenting evidence of crime.

Our current system is unreliable and outdated technology. Picture quality, audio clarity, and range have all advanced. In addition, the degree of recording coverage has expanded with new technology. The courts have set expectations for securing and providing this electronic evidence. Failing to provide this evidence or losing this evidence due to antiquated systems leads to mistrust.

As of 2017, our current provider no longer supported the maintenance of our data server because of its age. In 2018, we discovered that the server hardware was no longer able to update because of its age. If the server were to fail, we would have no way of recovering the audio and video stored.

Society today has an expectation for transparency. Courts and Prosecutors rely on video and audio technology more today than ever. In many instances, it is more valuable than eyewitness testimony. Both systems have proven to provide additional evidence and perspective in critical situations.