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Body Worn Video at Halifax Regional Police

Proposal for phased implementation and estimate of costing

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting December 14, 2020

Introduction

- In response to the following motion from the July 2020 BoPC meeting:
 - THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners requests reports detailing the feasibility of a body worn video pilot program from the Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP patrol officers that addresses costs, benefits, and technological requirements.
- This presentation will provide the following for HRP:
 - Goals of a BWV program
 - Timeline, key considerations, steps toward implementation and monitoring of the BWV program
 - Five-year costing estimates and staffing requirements for BWV at HRP





Toronto Police Service Video Intro to BWV

https://youtu.be/lwl36JAklrU





Goals for establishing a BWV program

- Enhanced transparency and accountability
- Increased public trust and confidence
- Improved evidence gathering in a wide range of police responsibilities
 - Crime scene evidence
 - Statement taking
 - Use of force incidents
 - Public complaint resolution
 - Use of videos for training and improving performance





Plan for phased implementation (Subject to funding approval)

Phase 1 (Winter 2021)

- •Presentations and budget approvals
- •Draft RFP
- •Policy & Privacy Impact Assessment

Phase 2 (Spring/ Summer 2021) •Procurement •2 positions •Finalize Policy, PIA

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Develop training

Phase 3 (Fall/ Winter 2021) Obtain BWV and equipment Infrastructure and network upgrades Initial training, deployment in Traffic section

- Phase 4 (Spring/ Summer 2022)
- 2 positionsAll officers trainedDeployment to
- Patrol divisionAll Watches

Phase 5 (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Roll-out to remaining positions, CIC, PSU
Warrant executions
Initiate evaluation of BWV program

Public communication and outreach; Internal monitoring of BWV program





Toronto Police Service Video Storing and Uploading Video

https://youtu.be/FEsacwIIMLg





Key considerations

- Policy framework
 - Privacy considerations: necessity effectiveness, proportionality and alternatives
 - Situations in which BWV will be activated
 - Interactions between police and public, with specified exceptions
 - Establish administrative rules retention timeline, disclosure rules
 - In compliance with relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws
 - FOIPOP and MGA considerations
- Impact on police operations
 - Training and oversight
 - Device and infrastructure maintenance
 - Public education





BWV Options and Redaction Capabilities

AXON: https://vimeo.com/240708264





Total estimated cost

- Estimated total cost of the program is \$3.71M over a five-year period for deployment of 300 cameras
 - Initial year-1 capital start up cost is approximately \$795,000
 - Annual operating cost is estimated at \$380,000 thereafter
 - Total annual labour cost is estimated at \$308,700, plus annual salary increase





Detailed 5-year cost estimate

ltem	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5-year total
Capital	\$795,000					\$795,000
Data storage		\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$480,000
Software & License		\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$360,000
Warranties BWV and Docks		\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$680,000
Technology subtotal	\$795,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$2,315,000
HR costs	\$95,000	\$313,400	\$321,200	\$329,200	\$337,400	\$1,396,200
Total	\$890,000	\$693,400	\$701,200	\$709,200	\$717,400	\$3,711,200

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Questions/Discussion



