



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



March 14, 2022

Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer
Chief Executive Office
County of Los Angeles
713 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Davenport:

TASER PROGRAM FUNDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) has conducted a thorough review of the current TASER program and has determined there is a significant need for a new and centralized TASER program. The LASD is requesting your assistance in funding a TASER program which will centralize all procurement, training, and support for the system.

Historically, the LASD has not had a centralized program, which has created inconsistent training with the device and its deployment in the field. Sheriff's Stations have been held solely responsible for the purchase and support of their TASERs, which has resulted in a limited number of these less-lethal devices being available to field personnel. Many of the current TASER devices are in excess of the five-year service life, which can significantly impact the reliability of the TASERs when used. The vast majority of TASERs currently in service have exceeded the time-period in which the manufacturer will provide legal guarantees for their effectiveness in the field.

This recommended TASER program will provide each deputy sheriff, assigned to field operations and custody division line positions, with the latest TASER technology which enhances public and officer safety, while at the same time reducing liability. The deployment, support, and training, including the teaching

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of de-escalation techniques, will be centralized to ensure consistency with the use of the device amongst all LASD personnel.

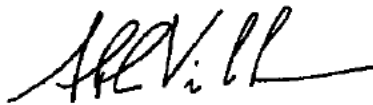
Additionally, the TASER 7 is equipped with a software feature, called "Signal Sidearm," which automatically starts all body-worn cameras (BWC's) within a designated distance whenever the TASER 7 is readied for use. A feature which will significantly aid in transparency and accountability.

The cost to equip 7,580 TASER 7 devices, will be a one-time cost of \$7,985,240 and an annual ongoing cost of \$7,493,584 (see attachment).

The implementation of this program will ensure all personnel have a dependable less-lethal force option available to them to minimize the use of deadly force, when possible, while at the same time reducing civil liability.

Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact Undersheriff Timothy K. Murakami at
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Sincerely,



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Attachment: Cost of Axon TASER 7 Program

c: Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Chair, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Hilda Solis, First District, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Shelia Kuehl, Third District, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Janice Hahn, Fourth District, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District, Board of Supervisors

Cost of Axon TASER 7 Program

Axon TASER 7 (7,580 TASERS) and Axon Performance:

- TASER 7 Annual (On-Going) Cost: \$5,569,584.00
 - Five-Year Cost (Total): 30,394,188.68
 - If allowed to purchase separately (no longer an option):
 - Total Savings of \$12,464,077
- Axon Performance Annual (On-Going): \$625,000

Salaries and Employee Benefits:

- Annual (On-Going): \$1,188,000.00
- Training Backfill Overtime (One-Time): \$5,834,240

Services and Supplies (S&S):

- Annual (On-Going): \$63,000
- Lease Space (Addition to existing BWCU Lease-Annual): \$111,000
- Lease Space Office Furniture (One-Time): \$126,000
- Low Voltage Improvements (One-Time): \$145,000
- Start-up Costs (One-Time): \$60,000
- Unmarked Vehicles (One-Time): \$114,000

Infrastructure:

- One-Time Costs
 - Cisco networking equipment (primarily for custody): \$1,616,000.00
 - Facility Improvements: \$90,000

Total Costs:

- Annual: \$7,493,584
- One-Time: \$7,985,240