



# Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum

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**Date:** July 21, 2022

**To:** Mayor Chip Wilson and City Council

**From:** Chief Michael Pooley

**Subject:** Purchase Request for Tasers and Body Worn Cameras from Axon Corporation

The Apache Junction Police Department (AJPD) is requesting approval for an updated contract with Axon Corporation for two large purchases. These purchases include adding additional body worn cameras (BWC) and to replace all older model Tasers for police department staff. Our current BWC's and Tasers were originally purchased through Axon and this new purchase will continue working with Axon for new and upgraded equipment. At this time only 20 BWC's are issued and being used. This new purchase will allow the Police Department to issue a BWC to every sworn officer and other staff members working with the community. This will ultimately provide more transparency and trust with the community.

These new BWC's also include upgraded redaction software which allows all video evidence to be stored in the cloud-based storage (evidence.com). This upgraded technology will also better support victims of crimes giving them the ability to quickly upload video and photos themselves. Police management will also better be able to oversee BWC use and deployment with metrics.

The second purchase request is to replace all old Tasers with the new and improved Taser 7 models which sync and work with the new BWC. Our current Tasers, the X26P are over ten years old and past the life cycle and are in need of replacement.

This request is for a total amount of \$326,447.56 which will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This is a four-year contract, ending in 2026 at which time new BWC's and Tasers will need to be purchased for replacement. The BWC contract has a zero-cost replacement agreement along with the annual evidence cloud based storage fee.