



TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 18, 2025

FROM: Kirk Riggs, Town Administrator/Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Town's Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, as adopted by Ordinance 787-25; providing for adjustments to the Bartonville Crime Control and Prevention District budget**.

SUMMARY:

The Bartonville Police Department requested approval from the Crime Control and Prevention District Board to amend the FY 2025–2026 budget to purchase the Axon Real-Time Translation module. CCPD approved this request at their October 28, 2025 meeting.

This technology will enhance officer communication and decision-making by allowing real-time translation of spoken or written language during field interactions when a human translator is not available.

Purpose and Benefits:

- **Improved Communication:** Enables officers to understand and respond accurately to individuals who speak other languages, reducing misunderstandings and ensuring respectful interactions.
- **Faster Decision-Making:** Provides immediate translation to help gather critical information quickly during calls for service, traffic stops, or emergencies.
- **Enhanced Safety:** Reduces confusion and delays caused by language barriers, allowing officers to make better-informed decisions and de-escalate potential conflicts more effectively.
- **Documentation Support:** Assists in producing accurate reports and ensuring key statements are clearly understood.

While Axon Real-Time Translation is not intended to replace certified human interpreters for formal investigations or legal proceedings, it will serve as a valuable tool to improve responsiveness, communication, and community engagement in the field.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT

Revenues

900-4200	Use of Reserves (from Fund Balance)	\$ 20,000
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Expenditures

900-20-5650	Axon Body Cameras	\$ 20,000
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RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:

Motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Town's Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, as adopted by Ordinance 787-25; providing for adjustments to the Bartonville Crime Control and Prevention District budget as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Axon Quote and Agreement documents
- Draft Ordinance Approving Budget Amendment