



# CRIME CONTROL COMMUNICATION

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**DATE** October 28, 2025

**FROM:** Kirk Riggs, Town Administrator / Chief of Police

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discuss and consider approval of a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for an Axon Real-Time Translation Module not to exceed \$20,000.

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## **SUMMARY:**

The Bartonville Police Department requests approval from the Crime Control and Prevention District Board to amend the FY 2025–2026 budget to purchase the Axon Real-Time Translation module.

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.

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:**

Motion to approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for an Axon Real-Time Translation Module not to exceed \$20,000.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Axon Quote and Agreement documents