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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: July 8, 2024
AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving the purchase Axon Respond.
PREPARED BY: Captain Jeremy Nelson

BACKGROUND:

When the Grand Rapids Police Department initially implemented body worn cameras (BWC's) in 2022, part of the package that we purchased included a free trial for Axon Respond. Until recently, we did not know this was only a trial.

Axon Respond is an application that is available on our city issued cell phones as well as from desktop and mobile computers. It allows users to be able to access a map which shows the GPS location of officers who are wearing their BWC's, which is important if Officer's are not in their squad cars. Currently we can only determine an officer's squad car location by their Axon squad camera and GPS through the computer aided dispatch program. An example of when this would be utilized is if an officer was involved in a foot pursuit or creating a perimeter around a scene.

Another feature of Axon Respond that is available is Livestreaming capabilities. This allows a supervisor to log in and view an officer's BWC, only if they are actively recording. An example of when this would be utilized is if an officer is on a call or traffic stop and are not responding to their radio. A supervisor activate livestreaming to observe if the officer maybe in trouble or if they simply do not have their radio on.

The other use that GRPD has for livestreaming BWC's is for use with the tactical robot we purchased in 2023. This robot is designed to have BWC attached to it, and then livestreamed by the officers operating the robot. This has been previously used by GRPD Officers during an arrest involving a suspect potentially with a firearm.

The attached quote was obtained from Axon to enable the livestreaming feature for the 21 BWC's that GRPD currently has. The cost per year is \$5977.02. In 2024, this would come from the Public Safety monies and would be worked into the 2025 budget.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion accepting the purchase of Axon Respond and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement.