



# Lathrup Village Police Department

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## Memorandum

To: Lathrup Village City Council  
From: Lt. Michael Zang  
Date: 8/18/2025  
Re: Body Camera Upgrade

**Background Brief:** The Lathrup Village Police Department has been looking into upgrading our body cameras. As you all know, we were awarded a grant for new body cameras in June of 2022. The federal grant, which is no longer available, was awarded with a 1:1 match. The total amount for the body cameras in 2022 was just under 18,000. With the original grant, we also purchased a five-year warranty for everything but battery life. We are now just over the three-year mark, and our original body cameras are experiencing issues with battery life. Officers cannot work an entire shift without their body camera batteries dying. This means that many interactions with citizens toward the end of their shifts are often not being taped, and we all know how valuable these tools are for the police/citizen transparency relationship.

With these issues, I contacted our Getac representative and explained to him our concerns and the fact that their warranty doesn't cover their battery life. The rep explained to me that Getac has newer and much better body cameras now on the market. Boasting a much longer battery life. Not only that, the new body cameras come with a five-year warranty, which also covers batteries. I requested a quote from Midwest Public Safety, who sell us our Getac equipment, and because we still had two years left in our warranty, they wanted to give us the very best price to upgrade to their newest technology. The quote for replacing our 13 body cameras with 13 new body cameras is \$16,674. This quote is for two new docking stations in the department, four new vehicle docks for each of our patrol cars, and 13 new body cameras complete with the full warranty.

The rep from Getac also said they will purchase our body cameras back and sell them to another agency that can use them for roughly \$150 per unit, totaling \$1,950. As you all know, these are vital for department operations. Getac put a good faith effort in giving us their best price to upgrade our current body cameras, so we wouldn't continue running into the same issues. The LVPD realizes that this was not a part of the original capital improvement plan, so we understand the struggles to fund bigger ticket items like this. We are happy to utilize the \$15,000 the City Council approved for the carport project to offset the cost of this. We believe these are a much more important project at this current time. Thank you for your time, and I am happy to be at the City Council meeting if you would like to discuss this further.

### **Economic Impact:**

\$16,674 – New Cameras Purchase Price

\$1,950 – Old Cameras Sale Price

\$14,724 – Net FY 25-26 Budget Impact

\$15,000 – budgeted in 101-301-000-970 for a carport. Request to utilize those funds.

### **Recommended Motion:**

Moved by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase new Police Department body cameras and associated equipment from Midwest Public Safety for an estimated cost of \$16,674.