

AB 6830

Police Technology Upgrades

December 2, 2025



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Background

- In May 2025, the City Manager presented an update on the 2025-2026 Work Plan and the City Council discussed the Police Department goals (AB 6688).
- **Goal #3: Enhance public safety technology and communication.**
 - **Objective 3.2:** Develop a Body-Worn Camera System recommendation and budget proposal.
 - **Objective 3.3:** Develop an In-Car Camera System replacement recommendation and budget proposal.
 - **Objective 3.4:** Develop a Digital Evidence Management System recommendation and budget proposal.
 - **Objective 3.5:** Implement a Flock pilot program to test stationary Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) cameras.



Body-Worn Camera System



Body-Worn Camera System

- Body-Worn Cameras are wearable audio and video recording devices that document police activity.
- Recordings are uploaded from the field via a docking station or cellular/Wi-Fi connection to a cloud-based storage platform.
- The Police Department has not adopted Body-Worn Cameras due to the cost and additional staffing necessary to fulfil public records requests.
- **Staff Recommendation:** Address Body-Worn Cameras with Council as a separate item in 2026.
- The technology systems procured as part of this proposal will integrate with a future Body-Worn Camera System.





In-Car Digital Video Recording System



In-Car Digital Video Recording System

- In-Car Digital Video Recording (DVR) Systems consist of audio and video recording devices mounted in patrol vehicles to document police activity.
- Cameras record in front of the vehicle and the backseat passenger area.
- Automatic or manual activation.
- Cameras may be equipped with an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) to compare license plates with a 'hotlist' of stolen vehicles and wanted/missing persons.
- Integration with other technology systems.



In-Car Digital Video Recording System

- The Police Department uses an outdated version of Motorola's WatchGuard DVR system that is no longer supported by the vendor.
- Two patrol vehicles were previously equipped with 'hotlist' ALPR cameras (separate from the WatchGuard DVR system).
- ALPRs have been removed from patrol vehicles to use as replacements for the failing Automated Parking Enforcement System.
- The City purchased new Police vehicles in 2025 that are in the process of being outfitted with equipment.
- **Staff Recommendation:** Procure a new In-Car DVR system by the end of 2025.



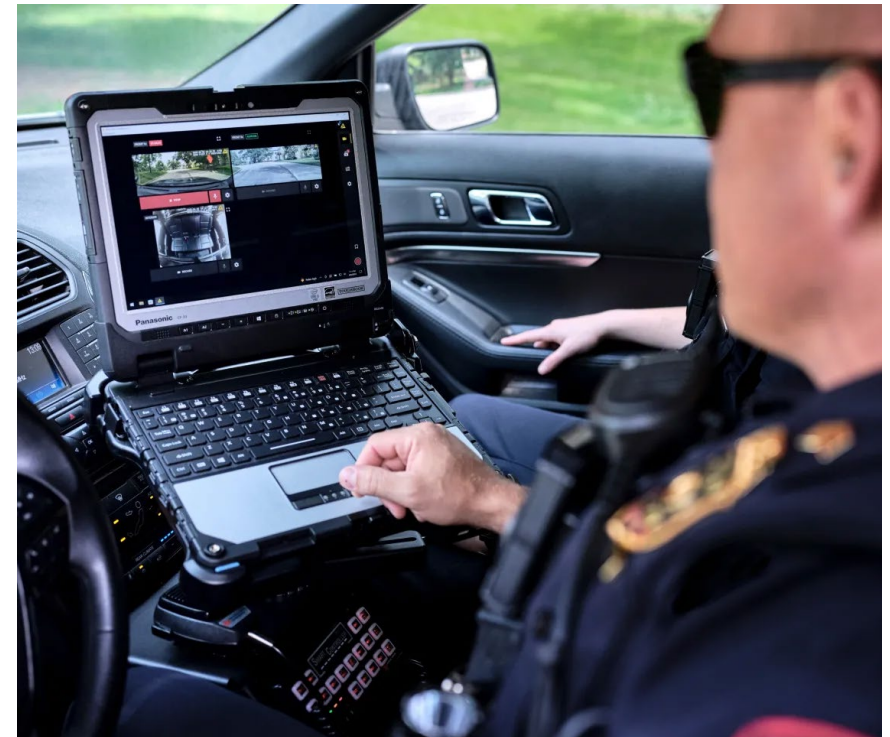


Digital Evidence Management System



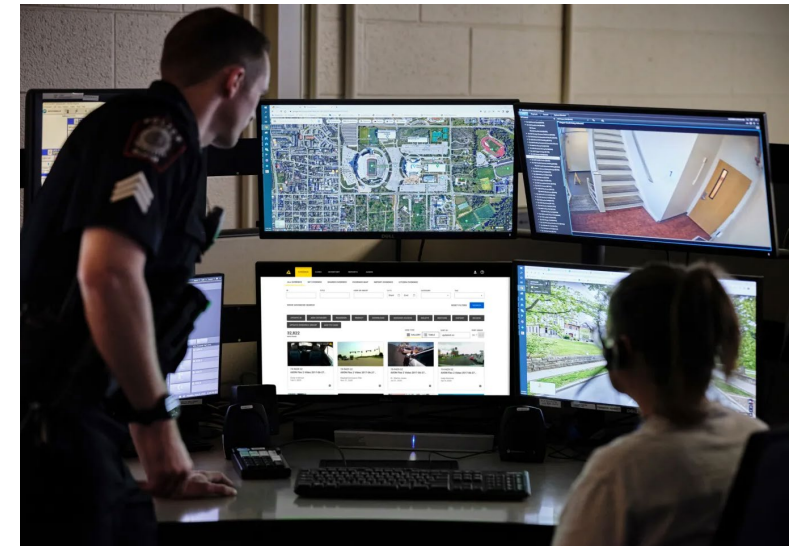
Digital Evidence Management System

- A Digital Evidence Management System stores audio, video, images, and other digital evidence in a cloud-based server.
- Digital evidence is automatically saved and categorized with auto-transcribing, redaction/disclosure, sharing, and audit trail capabilities.
- Integration with other technology systems (Body-Worn Cameras, In-Car DVR system, etc.).



Digital Evidence Management System

- The Police Department does not have a Digital Evidence Management System.
- Digital evidence is saved and stored manually on physical media devices such as CDs, DVDs, USBs, and hard drives.
- The current manual storage and access procedures are cumbersome, time-consuming, and difficult to manage.
- **Staff Recommendation:** Procure a new Digital Evidence Management System by the end of 2025.





Automated Parking Enforcement



Automated Parking Enforcement

- An Automated Parking Enforcement system consists of ALPR cameras positioned at an angle to capture images of parked vehicles as the enforcement officer drives by.
- Parking Enforcement ALPRs capture details about parked vehicles to enforce parking regulations with a digital record of the license plate, tire position, time, and GPS location.



Automated Parking Enforcement

- The Police Department has one vehicle equipped with three Parking Enforcement ALPR cameras – two of which have failed.
- The City's Parking Enforcement contract with Motorola ended in September 2025.
- ALPR cameras have been removed from the two patrol vehicles to use as replacements for the failing Parking Enforcement System.
- **Staff Recommendation:** Address Automated Parking Enforcement with Council as a separate item in 2026.





Flock Pilot Program



Flock Pilot Program

- The City Council added the Flock Pilot Program to the Police Work Plan in May 2025 and appropriated \$15,000 to test stationary ALPR cameras.
- Staff discussed options with Flock representatives.
- ALPRs not permitted in WSDOT right-of-way.
- UW Report published October 21 raised questions about Flock's data security and public records implications.
- **City Manager Recommendation:** Place the Flock Pilot Program on hold and reappropriate the \$15,000 from the project toward a new In-Car DVR System and Digital Evidence Management System.





Staff Recommendations & Budget Impacts



Staff Recommendations

- Address Body-Worn Cameras and Automated Parking Enforcement as separate items in 2026.
- Procure a new In-Car DVR System and Digital Evidence Management System by the end of 2025.
- Place the Flock Pilot Program on hold and reappropriate \$15,000 toward a new In-Car DVR System and Digital Evidence Management System.
- Staff requested quotes from Axon and Motorola.
- Prices expected to increase in 2026.



Budgetary Impacts

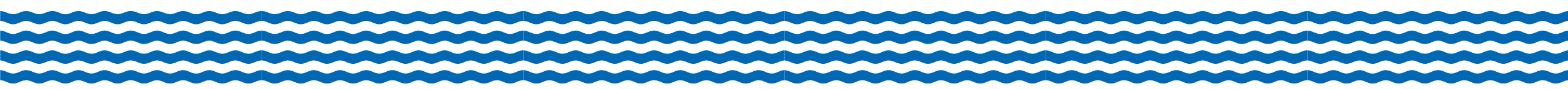
- Staff recommend an **appropriation of \$100,710** to support negotiations with the selected vendor.
- Proposed funding sources include:
 - **\$15,000** reappropriated from the Flock Pilot Program.
 - **\$85,710** from the police in-car camera replacement reserve in the Technology and Equipment Fund (330).
- Annual operating cost is estimated at **\$45,000 to \$55,000 per year** and will be incorporated into the Police Department's operating budget in the 2027-2028 biennium.

Next Steps

- Staff are evaluating quotes and specifications from vendors for a new In-Car DVR System and Digital Evidence Management System.
- If authorized by Council, staff anticipate executing a service agreement by the end of 2025.
- Staff will return to Council in early 2026 with a separate appropriation request to fund new Automated Parking Enforcement System.
- Staff will return to Council later in 2026 to discuss Body-Worn Cameras for funding consideration in the 2027-2028 biennium.

Recommended Motions

1. Place the Flock Pilot Program on hold and re-appropriate \$15,000 to replace the police in-car camera systems.
2. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contractual service agreement to procure an in-car DVR system and a digital evidence management system and appropriate \$85,710 from the police in-car camera replacement reserve in the Technology and Equipment Fund (330).





Questions

