

Petersburg PD
in-car camera questions & answers

How does the system work?

Auto upload

Stored on the cloud at Evidence.com

Unlimited storage

Videos out in front of the vehicle and back seat. The backseat camera has infrared.

Body cams act as microphones for the dash cameras

Why can't you pay for dash cameras out of your police department budget? (We approved the additional funding for your positions which have gone unfilled.) The increase to jail funding will go into the general fund and the wages and benefits portion of the police budget is untouchable. Meaning that any unspent funds from wages and benefits go back into the general fund at the end of the year.

How many vehicles will be outfitted?

6 vehicles will be outfitted.

Who will install the cameras?

Axon will send installers to Petersburg and will install the camera system while also training as many installers as possible.

Life expectancy of the camera system.

10+ years as they still have departments with Axon Fleet 2 systems. We will also get brand new equipment after 5 years. This is part of the contract. So, at the minimum we are getting 15 years of use out of this purchase.

Why was this not in the earlier budget request we did at the beginning of the year?

The reason the Axon Fleet 3 cameras were not in the current approved budget is because after having Axon Fleet 3 put on a demo for Mark Testoni (PSAB), Jeff Meucci (Borough Assembly liaison for PSAB) and myself where we selected options, I had an additional meeting with IT to talk about Borough networks and computers to make sure the systems would work together. The quote came in after budgets were due. Thus, not making it into the current budget.

Why was this not originally budgeted?

see above answer.

What cameras come in vehicle?

None.

Do body cameras still take audio/video if the officer is driving the vehicle?

Yes, but this will provide more coverage and a different view. This will cover the inside of the vehicle and outside. The body camera also doubles as a microphone for the in-car camera.

I didn't hear if this was 1 gen 2 gen or where are we going in the future with this.

This is Gen 3 with a technology refresh at 5 years.

Is there a different system we should have?

No, Axon equipment all works together and is an established company in providing police equipment. Video is stored on evidence.com which also provides live assistance for department along with transcribing, redaction, and other services not available by other companies.

Are these cameras reusable when purchasing a new vehicle?

Yes, camera systems can be moved from vehicle to vehicle by our trained Petersburg Borough installers.

Are they easily changed from one police car to another?

Yes

Can public works install the cameras, and can they accomplish that?

Yes, Public Works/Motor Pool will be trained by Axon installers here in Petersburg.

Have we looked at any other systems?

Yes, there are several different options out there from all sorts of companies, but Axon has been the leader of the industry for years and sets the industry standard. Other systems will not integrate with our current Axon equipment.

Have we gone out to bid from any other vendors?

No other vendors sell Axon equipment and other vendors' equipment will not integrate with our current Axon equipment.

What about interference with existing systems?

There is zero interference.

Do existing cars have operational cameras?

1 vehicle has an outdated operational camera.

How many cameras do we need for the existing cars?

5

Can we use them in new cars when we retire older vehicles?

Yes

I believe Chief Kerr addressed there are no yearly charges for our proposed operation? Prices seems high to me, but not my area of experience...

After 5 years at the current price Petersburg would be looking at \$3,960 a year for user licensing and unlimited storage.

Is this a proprietary system which interfaces into existing body cams...so that is why we are not checking other systems?

Axon is the sole disputer of their equipment. All Axon's equipment works together see links below.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=axon+fleet+3+reviews&qpv=axon+fleet+3+reviews&view=detail&mid=F8CF529DC9DF346B11F0F8CF529DC9DF346B11F0&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Daxon%2Bfleet%2B3%2Breviews%26qpv%3Daxon%2Bfleet%2B3%2Breviews%26FORM%3DVRE>

Any reason why this cannot be put into next year's budget?

Current lead time on Axon Fleet 3 is 10 months. So, if approved we will not see the cameras installed until August of 2023. If we wait until next year's budget, we could be looking at 2024 install dates.

Why was it not included in the just completed budget? I also do not remember or missed the vendor's presentation...I just heard Kerr's answers to questions at the previous meeting...so I apologize if I missed it.

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Why not have the public safety committee look at this?

Mark and Jeff,

At the last Public Safety Advisory Board meeting we talked about in-car cameras. I have a meeting with our Axon Rep Monday February 28 at 0930 hours, to discuss available options before Axon provides the detailed quote for the upcoming budget year. I wanted to reach out to you both to see if there was any interest attending this meeting as a Rep of the PSAB. The meeting will be held via zoom so you could attend in my office or wherever you like.