


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-409</b>	Meeting:	<b>October 4, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>29</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-1480</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Set the date of public hearing regarding the debit financing to purchase electronic control devices (ECD) for the Police Department from Axon Enterprise Inc. (17800 N 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, Rick Smith, CEO.)

## SYNOPSIS:

Set date for public hearing regarding the debit financing related to the purchase of ECD for the Police Department from Axon. This purchase would replace all current devices and increase the number available for training and use on duty. The new upgraded device offers improved operational technology including software for data on usage, diagnostic information, and an analysis of each deployment. The new model includes a visible warning spark (without deployment of the darts) to serve as a deterrent. The annual service agreement includes software upgrades, unlimited replacement of batteries and cartridges. The debt financing agreement will allow the cost of the purchase and service agreement to be distributed over a 5-year period. The devices provide a critical option to police officers as they work to de-escalate dangerous situations using the least force necessary.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$533,500 over the course of five (5) fiscal years (FY) including:

- FY22 - \$53,350.00
- FY23 - \$120,037.50
- FY24 - \$120,037.50
- FY25 - \$120,037.50
- FY26 - \$120,037.50

Funding Source: Patrol Section (PD220354) Adopted Operating Budget FY2022, Page 179.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A public hearing must be held prior to approval of this debit financing agreement which include payments over the 5-year term of the agreement.
- When verbal directives prove ineffective, the ECD is an essential option for police officers responding to dangerous situations. They are vital in minimizing the risk of injury to the public and police officers. Department trainers undergo extensive training and certification provided by the manufacturer and other sources to provide in-depth training to officers to include proper use and department policies.

- Over the last five (5) years, the department has averaged 20 ECD deployments per year, including many incidents with violent or dangerous persons who were combative, suicidal, or possessed weapons. The updated ECD has improved technology which includes a warning arc that visually sparks the device without deploying darts. New software has been added to the device to offer information on usage, diagnostic data, and an analysis of each deployment. The new design holds an additional cartridge for secondary use when necessary. The new model provides a greater deterrent to aid in de-escalation strategies.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 23, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1847](#)

Action: [Bid](#) from Axon Enterprises, Inc. (Rick Smith, CEO) for non-competitive procurement to upgrade existing and order one hundred (100) replacement electronic control devices (tasers) and accessories to be compatible with existing equipment for use by the Police Department, \$149,298.65. ([Council Communication No. 17-741](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2. Absent: Cownie and Hensley.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- October 18, 2021 - Hold hearing on the debit financing and approval of the purchase agreement for electronic control devices from Axon Enterprises.

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