



# ACQUISITION OF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE KILLEEN POLICE DEPT.

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# Acquisition of Tactical Equipment

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- The Killeen Police Department is seeking approval to purchase a tactical SWAT robot and to replace and modernize existing SWAT and patrol drones.
- The following slides outline the operational need for these upgrades and the public safety benefits they provide to officers and the community.

# TRU Background and Operational Need

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- Since 2020, the Killeen Police Department Tactical Response Unit has responded to 201 SWAT activations, including 44 call outs, 108 search warrants, and 49 assists to other agencies, with these incidents typically involving barricaded suspects, armed individuals, and potential hostage situations, making the enhancement of tactical robotics and indoor drone capabilities critical to reducing risk to officers, suspects, and the public.
- KPD must enhance its tactical robotics and indoor drone capabilities to safely manage high-risk incidents while minimizing potential harm to officers, suspects, and the public.

# Tactical SWAT Robot Benefits

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- Remote entry using a SWAT robot allows officers to assess threats, clear hazards, and gather critical intelligence from inside a structure while significantly reducing the risk of injury or loss of life to personnel.
- Real time video from SWAT robots and drones provides immediate situational awareness, enabling informed tactical decisions while minimizing risk to officers.
- Integration with the Real Time Crime Center allows live video and data to be shared with command staff and analysts, improving coordination, decision making, and overall incident management.

# SWAT and Patrol Drone Benefits

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- Upgrading patrol and SWAT drones provides the following benefits:
  - Enhances real-time situational awareness through improved cameras, sensors, and flight capabilities, allowing officers to make faster and better-informed tactical decisions.
  - Improves officer safety and operational efficiency by reducing the need for direct physical exposure during high-risk incidents, searches, and critical responses.

# National Best Standard Practices

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- National best practices for SWAT robots and drones emphasize integrating advanced remote systems to enhance officer safety, improve real-time intelligence gathering, support de-escalation, and ensure transparent, accountable operations in high-risk and critical incidents.
- International Association of Chiefs of Police: Recommends remote-operated systems.
- Texas Police Chiefs Association: Supports robotics for high-risk entries.
- KPD is currently below national technology standards.

# Benefit to the Citizens

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- Increases public safety by enabling officers to resolve high-risk incidents more quickly and safely, reducing the likelihood of injury to civilians, officers, and suspects.
- Enhances transparency and accountability through improved real-time video and documentation, allowing incidents to be managed with greater precision and minimal disruption to the community.
- The Killeen Police Department has a clear obligation and demonstrated need to modernize its response capabilities for high-risk incidents.

# Financial Impact

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- Funding for this project is secured, in part, by using previously approved CIP funds for the KPD RMS Niche project.
- The ICOR Technology expense will be funded using previously approved CIP funds allocated for the KPD RMS Niche project, with ICOR Technology qualifying as a GSA vendor under GS-07F-00430V, eliminating the need for a three-quote competitive bid; the quote reflects a one-time cost of \$149,144.28 and includes a three-year extended warranty.
- The Axon purchase will require an amendment to the existing eight-year contract, increasing the total contract value by \$300,387.60 over a five-year period, incorporating current individual Axon contracts for Tasers and Fusus, with a Year 1 cost of \$137,023.92 and annual costs of \$40,840.92 for Years 2 through 5, to be funded through the Police Department General Fund.

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# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the purchase with ICOR Technology in the amount of \$149,144.28 and to amend the Axon Enterprise, Inc. contract in the amount of \$137,023.92, with subsequent annual costs of \$40,840.92 through fiscal year 2030.
  
- Additionally, staff recommends authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute any change orders within the limits established by state and local law.