



AXON TASER PURCHASE

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- In the past, The Killeen Police Department purchased TASER model X26Ps as part of a 5-year purchase plan (ending this year), as well as additional TASERs and accessories through other line items.
- Historically ,we spend approximately \$89,000 annually to cover the cost of the TASER program. \$38,848 towards a 5-year contract that covers a portion of our TASER units and another \$60,000 to cover the shortfall that the 5-year contract does not cover. These costs include the purchases of the Taser unit itself, cartridges, batteries, and related accessories as well as training.
- The model X26P is nearing the end of its product life, and the majority of issued X26Ps are approaching warranty expiration.
- Axon offers a new model (TASER 7) with notable improvements:

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□ Improvements:

- Two-cartridge capability, allowing for a second opportunity to use a less-lethal force option
- Addition of a second laser, allowing user to identify approximate placement of both projectiles (increased accuracy).
- Creation of a drive stun/warning arc button separate from trigger.

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- The new package is for a ten-year purchase agreement.
 - ▣ The package allows for sufficient devices to meet current needs, scalable for future growth.
 - ▣ The package includes all required training materials and accessories, as well as unlimited duty cartridges and vouchers to train/recertify TASER instructors.
 - ▣ The package also includes a virtual reality training platform, which will further enhance the ability to train.
 - Training scenarios are not limited to TASER use of force, they also include de-escalation and post-critical incident stress mitigation.

Funding

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- Current Fiscal Year expenses:
 - TASERs and Accessories: \$0 spent, \$34,848 allocated as the final installment payment of the previous 5-year purchase plan. The \$34,848 final installment payment would be waived by Axon as part of this purchase.
- Projected Expenses:
 - TASER 7 Cert +VR package: \$170,000.00 annually, for ten years (through fiscal year 2031).
- Total projected expenses for the upcoming fiscal year are projected not to exceed \$170,000.00. The Police Department has budgeted funds available for this expense.

Alternatives

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- ❑ Disapprove the proposed purchase.
 - ▣ Doing so will adversely affect the department's ability to properly equip officers.
- ❑ Continue to purchase an older TASER model.
 - ▣ This would cost at least \$96,647 per year just for the X26Ps, with thousands in additional funds being required annually for accessories, batteries, cartridges, training.
- ❑ Approve the purchases as proposed.

Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute the described purchase agreement of the TASER 7 Cert with VR package from Axon Enterprise, Inc. through the TASB BuyBoard in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 per year through the fiscal year 2031, and any change orders as authorized by law.