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**FY 2018 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

4/12/2017

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. Jay Fisette at the work session on 3/22/2017, regarding information on body worn camera costs so the board can provide policy guidance during budget adoption.

The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) launched a Body Worn Camera (BWC) Pilot Program in April 2016. The purpose of the pilot program was to allow the department to test and evaluate all aspects of the program including equipment, infrastructure, support, policy and training. The BWC Pilot Program participants consisted of officers in a variety of patrol-related assignments throughout the department, staff from the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney, the Office of Professional Responsibility, Public Safety Information Technology (PSIT), and Department of Technology Services (DTS).

The table on the following page outlines the estimated costs associated with a phased rollout of body worn cameras (BCWs), the ancillary equipment needed for vehicles and courtrooms, and the necessary staff beginning in FY 2019. The first year of the program is anticipated to cost almost \$1.5 million (combination of ongoing and one-time). By year four, the program is anticipated to cost approximately \$1.1 million in ongoing funding to support the program. Costs include the following;

Equipment & Storage: Includes cloud storage, redaction software, training expenses, and a few additional licenses for non-BWC users. Storing video on the cloud will allow the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Office of the Public Defender to easily view footage.

Smartphones: Smartphones are needed so officers can view and tag recorded videos in the field. The smartphones can utilize the application with the BWC vendor and take pictures at the scene that can be immediately uploaded to the Cloud.

Courtroom Upgrades: At least 10 courtrooms need upgrades to existing equipment, wiring, etc. to present the videos in court as evidence.

FTE Costs: The following employee positions will be needed to support a full time BWC program.

(1) Lieutenant BWC Position – Oversee the BWC program, the in-car camera and digital media programs, and is responsible for equipment and training of the officers.

(1) Paralegal for the Office of Professional Responsibility – Assist with FOIA and preservation requests.

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- (1) Paralegal for the Commonwealth Attorney – Assist the Deputy and Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys with redactions, discovery requests, and case management.
- (2) Commonwealth Attorneys – Review evidentiary video evidence collected for case preparation and prosecution.

**The Office of the Public Defender may have similar needs to the Commonwealth Attorney.*

	YEAR 1	Notes	YEAR 2	Notes	YEAR 3	Notes	YEARS 4 + *	Notes
Body Worn Cameras (BWC)	\$ 971,000		\$ 1,130,000		\$ 1,226,000		\$ 968,000	
Ongoing	571,000	The annual service and cloud subscription of 110 BWCs and 96 phones and 3 FTEs	830,000	The annual service cost and cloud subscription of 195 BWCs and 170 phones and 5 FTEs	926,000	The annual service cost and cloud subscription of 280 BWCs and 216 phones and 5 FTEs	968,000	The annual service cost and cloud subscription of 280 BWCs and 216 phones and 5 FTEs
One-time	400,000	Outfitting 4 courtrooms	300,000	Outfitting 3 courtrooms	300,000	Outfitting 3 courtrooms		
In Car Camera Video (ICCV)	\$ 389,000		\$ 147,000		\$ 147,000		\$ 147,000	
Ongoing	147,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs	147,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs	147,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs	147,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs
One-time	242,000	Outfitting Police and Sheriff vehicles	-		-		-	
Interview Rooms	\$ 126,000		\$ 26,000		\$ 26,000		\$ 26,000	
Ongoing	26,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs	26,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs	26,000	Annual software streaming and storage costs	26,000.	Annual software streaming and storage costs
One-time	100,000	Outfitting 8 interview rooms and 2 polygraph rooms	-		-		-	
TOTAL	\$ 1,486,000		\$ 1,303,000		\$ 1,399,000		\$ 1,141,000	

*Year 4+ costs increase because an anticipated discount on the annual service and cloud subscriptions will expire.