

APPROVAL OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER – NPPGOV COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC FOR TASER 7 EQUIPMENT AND LICENSING

City Council Meeting September 10th, 2019 Rainer Navarro
Chief of Police

CURRENT

- The Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) was developed in the mid-70's.
- The CEW was designed to be a less lethal option than other weapons available to police officers.
- The Santa Rosa Police Department has been using CEWs since 2003.

CURRENT

- CEWs currently owned by the Police Department were purchased in 2008 (model X26) and 2013 (model X26P).
- Model X26 has been unsupported for four years, and is no longer available for sale.
- Model X26P is sunsetting and will be unsupported after December of 2019.
- Recommended life cycle for CEWs is five years.

CURRENT

- CEWs used by the department were purchased from TASER, which has now been acquired by Axon.
- The new CEWs will be compatible with the evidence storage program and docking stations we use for body-worn cameras.
- Updates to the firmware and software are done remotely, negating the need to turn them in for that purpose.

PROPOSED

- Approve the contract to purchase new model CEWs for continued use by patrol.
- The cost breakdown equals \$60 per officer per month.
- The units will be under warranty, and departmental policies are in place governing the use of CEWs.

BENEFIT

- Carrying CEWs gives patrol officers one more less-lethal option to use when interacting with subjects in the community who are a danger to others or themselves.
- Carrying updated CEWs provides the department with devices less likely to malfunction and provides updated technological efficiencies.

Questions?