

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Body-worn Cameras and Marin Law Enforcement: *Follow Up Report*

Report Date: June 1, 2018

Agenda Date: August 2, 2018

Response by: John Wright

Title: Central Marin Police Authority Police Council  
Police Council Chair

### FINDINGS

- None.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation number R3: **All Marin law enforcement agencies should seek to employ automated activation of body-worn cameras based on that agency's choice of activation modes**, has been implemented.
  - In June 2018, the Central Marin Police Authority purchased the Axon Body Worn Camera System with the Axon Signal Performance Power Magazine. This technology includes a new battery cartridge for the Taser Device which will activate all body worn cameras within thirty (30 feet), when the safety switch is activated on a Taser. Additionally, the Central Marin Police Authority purchased the Axon Signal Unit. This technology will activate all body worn cameras within thirty (30 feet), when the emergency lights are activated on a police vehicle.
- Recommendation number R4: **All Marin law enforcement agencies pursuing new or improved video technology should explore cooperative negotiating and resource sharing with other agencies to reduce costs**, has been implemented.
  - Cooperative negotiating with Axon was explored by the Central Marin Police Authority. Axon stated their profit margin is 12% and they would not give discounts of more than 12% regardless of purchase size. The Central Marin Police Authority was able to negotiate a 11.6% discount even though roughly only 40 body worn cameras were purchased.

- Resource sharing between multiple agencies and with Axon was explored by the Central Marin Police Authority. Resource sharing was discovered to not be viable option. Axon only provides a cloud based data storage system which is specific to a single purchasing agency. Axon does not provide a cooperative cloud based data storage system for multiple agencies. Also, body worn camera footage is considered evidence and requires chain of custody and security for each specific agency. Therefore, law enforcement agencies are not able to share cloud based data storage through Axon.
- Recommendation number R5: **The County of Marin should work with the law enforcement agencies to form a county-wide buying group to reduce the costs of video technology**, requires further analysis.
  - This question is best answered by the County of Marin. However, a county-wide buying group would not reduce the costs associated with buying or maintaining body worn cameras and their respective video footage through Axon. This may not be the case with future video technologies or other body worn camera companies.

Date: August 2, 2018

Signed: John Knight

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