

Privacy Protection & Technology
Advisory Commission

July 7, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Technology Impact Report: Presentation of Axon AI Era Leaders Program and Draft One AI-Assisted Report Writing Software

TECHNOLOGY CLASSIFICATION: Sensitive

DEPARTMENT: Police

RECOMMENDATION

Hear the presentation, provide feedback, and take action as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

On December 5, 2023, City Council approved the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. (Axon), for purchases of Body Worn Cameras, Taser Electronic Control Weapons and In-Car Cameras, and related services as a result of Request for Proposal (RFP) # P03-2023. Since then, Axon has successfully launched several solutions that responsibly utilize artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms and learning models to enhance public safety.

Axon AI Era Plan

The Axon AI Era Plan is a bundled offering that brings together Axon's current and future AI-powered tools under a single procurement. Designed to help support operational efficiency, evidence processing, and administrative workflows, the plan includes all available AI features today—along with access to upcoming capabilities as they are released.

Each solution in the plan is developed to integrate into existing public safety workflows, helping agencies manage audiovisual evidence, streamline documentation, and support informed decision-making while helping better manage administrative tasks and community interactions. By consolidating AI solutions into one scalable plan, agencies can reduce procurement complexity, support long-term planning, and deploy AI more consistently across operational units.

Tools included in the AI Era Plan are designed to help:

- Automate transcription, create first-draft reports, and summarize audio from video evidence.
- Support multilingual operations and real-time communication.
- Accelerate workflows by combining image collection and data extraction, streamlining image review, video analysis, and form population.
- Provide policy guidance through secure, AI-powered search.

Axon Draft One

Officers can spend up to 3 hours per shift on report writing, but AI can help them drastically reduce that time by analyzing the body-worn camera (BWC) audio and summarizing the events in a report. Axon's Draft One software enables officers to get a head start on report writing by using artificial intelligence (AI) to draft a report narrative using the officer's BWC audio. One of the most commonly used types of AI is speech recognition, which analyzes audio and turns it into text. It is commonly used in auto-transcription, text messages, and smart home devices like Alexa™ or Siri™.

With Draft One, the BWC audio is uploaded to the cloud and auto-transcribed, and the audio from that recording is used to generate a draft report narrative in seconds. No action is needed by the user to prep the audio file or convert evidence, and officers can generate their report draft within five minutes after they finish recording an incident.

Built with specific safeguards, this AI-enabled technology has fail-safes and controls so that it does not replace human decision-making in critical moments. For checks and balances, the human officer should review and edit the report draft before submittal.

With Draft One and AI Era Plan, the Police Department will gain access to a seamlessly integrated ecosystem of connected AI solutions. Designed to work together, these solutions help better support operations, streamline collaboration, and improve data management—while reinforcing safety and security across the organization. By bundling these solutions into a single, cost-effective package, the Police Department will have the essential tools to increase transparency, streamline workflows, and drive productivity—all while fostering a safer, more connected environment.

Adherence to Privacy Protection and Technology Transparency Policy

The Axon AI Era Leaders Program and Draft One AI-Assisted Report Writing Software are defined as Sensitive Technology by the City's Privacy Protection and Technology Transparency Policy (112-04; effective 11/1/2022). As such, staff has adhered to all requirements of the Privacy Protection and Technology Transparency Policy. This includes sharing the Police Department's Policy 448 related to Portable Audio/Video Recorders, and this Staff Report.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending approval of Axon Amendment 1 to the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement to purchase AI Era Leaders Program, Draft One AI-Assisted Report Writing Software and related services, which is set to expire January 31, 2029.

The Police Department anticipates the use of this technology will have result in more efficient operations and free officer time to respond to calls for service.

CURRENT- YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The Axon amendment for AI Era Leaders Program, Draft One AI-Assisted Report Writing Software and related services covers a 42-month term, from August 1, 2025 to January 31, 2029. The table below outlines the costs for the 42-month agreement term.

DESCRIPTION	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	TOTAL
Axon AI Era Leaders Program		\$287,100	\$287,100	\$287,100	\$861,300
Axon Draft One Report Writing Software	\$117,000				\$117,000
Axon Auto-Transcribe (Unlimited Service)	\$72,384				\$72,384
TOTAL	\$189,384	\$287,100	\$287,100	\$287,100	\$1,050,684

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Because the Axon amendment covers multiple fiscal years, subsequent budgets will include allocations as outlined in the chart above.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement for Agency
2. Amendment 1 to Master Services and Purchasing Agreement
3. Chula Vista Police Department Policy 448: Portable Audio/Video Recorders

STAFF CONTACT

Scott Adkins, Police Captain
 Dan Peak, Assistant Chief of Police