



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [6/18/2018]
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [N/A]

Date: Friday, June 15, 2018
To: Gary Edwards, City Manager
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Agenda Item #:

Title: Agreement between Aransas Pass PD and Axon (Taser Intl.) for Axon Citizen field trial.

CAPTION:

Consider and act on allowing the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Axon for the free trial use of Axon Citizen.

PURPOSE:

Axon Citizen provides our citizens with the ability to share evidence for their case securely and remotely when that evidence is contained within the digital realm.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

APPD partnered with Taser and Axon six years ago. We utilize many of the tools they provide and work closely with them as they develop the latest and greatest technologies transforming, modernizing today's law enforcement.

Axon invited us to participate in Axon Citizen which will streamline the way the public shares evidence with the police. Currently, citizens share with us via email or by electronic storage media, the latter being dangerous to our network. Axon Citizen will afford those same people the ability to share with us directly and more securely by giving them a link into our digital evidence vault in the cloud. We're notified once

evidence is shared and the evidence will be systematically filed for their case. This product promises to take the guess work out of connecting digital evidence to the digital case file.

ALTERNATIVES:

Stick with current process.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police Department – Department recommending this product.

Legal – Cleared by attorney. She suggested bringing to council for approval since it engages the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Axon Citizen – Field Trial Agreement.pdf