



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Police Department

Memorandum No. _____

Date: September 9, 2021
To: Arthur H. Sorey III, City Manager
From: Richard Rand, Chief of Police *A/Chief Evans Board #358*
Subject: Axon Body Worn Camera Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to respectfully request the approval to purchase the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program. This purchase will include funding for the implementation, training, completion, overall life cycle cost, and management of the Axon BWC project. This law enforcement tool affords officers not only documentation, but also a witness that is not swayed by politics, prejudice, or personal gain. In cases of alleged police misconduct, the technology can work to exonerate officers, corroborate an allegation, or show a suspect's misconduct or illegal activities.

BWCs support law enforcement administrators in justifying and defending their officers' actions or reactions in the field, promoting necessary changes in policies and training, or in taking disciplinary action for officer wrongdoings. Video evidence serves to enhance public trust and by adding another layer of transparency to police actions. The North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD) Police body-worn cameras strengthens accountability and transparency within a police department and the community.

Providing a video record of police activity has made police operations more transparent to the public. It has helped resolve questions following an encounter between officers and members of the public. BWCs are helping to prevent problems from initially arising by increasing officer professionalism, assisting agencies to evaluate and improve officer performance, and allowing agencies to identify and correct more significant structural issues within the police department. Police agencies with a BWC program experience fewer complaints, and encounters between officers and the public have improved.

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