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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Chief of Police, Michael Bell
Re: Review and Approve Police Body Camera System Purchase
Date: 01 Oct 2019

BACKGROUND

Our insurance provider, OMAG, has a grant program that helps smaller departments obtain body camera systems that will help to enhance public accountability. Currently the Coweta Police Department has no body cameras within the department. After a very long review and discussion with other departments in the local area we feel it is time to make a purchase of a body camera system. We have completed a 6-month review of the products offered by several companies and feel we have selected the best system at the best possible cost.

Staff is committed to improving accountability to public and believes that Body-Camera systems are one way of doing so. Utilizing funding from OMAG helps to offset the initial costs of acquisition for such systems. Therefore, Staff is recommending that the City apply for an OMAG grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to partially fund the acquisition of the Halo Body Camera System from Wolfcom in the amount of \$11,800.00 plus an additional \$1,200.00 to upgrade the redaction feature of the system. The total acquisition cost would be \$13,000.00 for the 16-unit system and complimentary equipment. If the grant is awarded, Staff will return to the City Council to seek appropriation authority in the amount of the total acquisition cost through an amendment to the FY 19/20 budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval for Staff to submit the accompanying Program Application and Agreement to offset the costs of acquiring the 16 unit Halo Body Camera System and complimentary equipment from Wolfcom.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1- OMAG Agreement for the City Manager's Signature
- 1- Review letter of system
- 1- Wolfcom package offer sheets