



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

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1. Naperville Police Department	Body-Worn Camera Program	FYI

**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
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DATE: August 26, 2021

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Jason Arres, Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Body-Worn Camera Program

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with details about the Naperville Police Department's plans to equip all sworn officers with body-worn camera technology before the end of 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Naperville Police Department is in the early stages of implementing a body-worn camera program. Body-worn cameras are valuable tools for law enforcement in that they capture and record video and audio of critical incidents and encounters with the public. Use of these cameras in Naperville to document interactions with the public will strengthen evidence for criminal investigations, enhance police accountability, and improve transparency with the community.

State law requires law enforcement agencies serving a community of Naperville's size to implement the use of body cameras by January 1, 2023. Naperville is currently on track to meet this requirement. Here is the current project timeline:

- Policy Development – Summer 2021
- Vendor Trials – Fall 2021
- Procurement – Spring 2022
- Training and Full Implementation – Fall 2022

To date, staff has done significant research and planning on body-worn camera programs, begun policy development and arranged for vendor trials of available camera solutions. Additionally, City Council has approved the hiring of an Information Technology staff member to coordinate and support the body-worn camera program, which will include nearly 200 cameras and associated technology. Staff will continually analyze the workload associated with this program to identify additional staffing needs upon the full implementation of the program in 2022.

DISCUSSION:

Beginning Aug. 31, the Naperville Police Department will be field testing body-worn camera equipment from several camera vendors on a rotational basis for the purpose of evaluating both the cameras and the software that will be utilized to share, store and redact video.

This trial period is expected to last eight (8) to 10 weeks and includes support staff and 26 sworn officers from the department's Patrol and Investigations Divisions. Due to shift work and the number of cameras NPD is receiving from each vendor, the department anticipates there will typically be four (4) to six (6) body-worn cameras on the street at any one time during the trial.

During the trial, cameras will be fully operational, and officers will follow [state law](#) governing the use of body-worn cameras. More detailed information about the use of body-worn cameras will be available on the City's website before the trial begins next week.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please distribute this memorandum to the City Council through the Manager's Memorandum.