Jackson County Sheriff's Office



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Re: Exception to Bid

In our discussions regarding the Jackson County Sheriff's Office's program to implement body worn cameras and continue our current Taser program, I wanted to pass along some information about our current collaboration with Axon Enterprise Company (Axon). Axon, formerly known as Taser International Inc., has been a proven provider of equipment to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office since 2005. Since this time, the Sheriff's Office has purchased and used exclusively for all electroshock weapons products from only Taser (Axon). During this time valued training and certifications have been delivered to current employees. Additionally, over half of all new recruits to both the detention center and law enforcement divisions are solely trained in Taser products during their basic training schools. Continuing this relationship is paramount for training related issues. Further, standardizing the current line of electroshock weapons with the use of the Axon body camera and their evidence module (Evidence.com), will streamline the use of our current certifications and trainings. Standardization of Axon's quoted suite of products and services will enhance officer safety and increase accountability.

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