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To: Mark Israelson, Senior Deputy City Manager

From: Gregory W. Rushin, Chief of Police, Plano Police Department 

Subject: WatchGuard Video VISTA XLT Wearable Cameras for the Police Department

In late 2017, the Police Department purchased 300 wearable cameras from WatchGuard Video. This quantity met our initial objective, which was to outfit every first responder with a camera. We are now seeking procurement of an additional 120 cameras, so they may be issued to all remaining sworn personnel. By doing so, we can ensure that all investigative contacts are recorded, including those made by officers in specialized assignments who occasionally work extra-duty jobs while in uniform.

At the time of the original implementation, WatchGuard Video was not yet offering a Wi-Fi enabled camera that had sufficient battery runtime to accommodate the 12-hour shifts in patrol, so the 1st generation Vista™ was chosen. Since then, they have released the Vista XLT™, which includes Wi-Fi capability and a host of other valuable features intended to enhance operational efficiency. We have therefore opted to acquire the new Vista™ model now that it is available. The Vista XLT™ was confirmed as available through a Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Agreement which represents the best value for the City. The total expense for 120 cameras with a 3-year no-fault warranty, software licensing, and all necessary peripherals will be \$195,364.50 using Contract DIR-TSO-4163

Wearable cameras have become essential law enforcement tools that are now standard issue equipment for Police Officers throughout the country. Failure to procure these additional devices will likely result in a negative impact on our Officers' ability to provide outstanding police services to the citizens of Plano. Furthermore, selection of a model other than the WatchGuard Video Vista XLT™ will require the installation and utilization of an additional application and/or program interface, resulting in auxiliary costs and unnecessary internal resource demands.