



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#16-0027

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 20, 2016

TITLE: Police Body Worn Cameras Pilot Program

Bobcat Training and Consulting, Inc. recommends all sworn personnel should be issued body cameras and required to record all citizen encounters. In addition, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and several cities across America conducted independent studies that indicate body worn cameras have the potential to improve officer safety, officer professionalism, evidence preservation and transparency while also reducing frivolous misconduct complaints and lawsuits (please see attached). Body worn cameras are capable of recording video and audio while worn by officers in the field, which allows unprecedented documentation of police and civilian encounters. This heightened level of police surveillance has inherent privacy and Freedom of Information Act issues that have not been fully addressed by current Florida legislation. We are seeking direction from the City Commission prior to advancing a pilot program.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Body Worn Camera Policy

Exhibit 2 – PERF - Implementing a Body Worn Camera Program

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