



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

**FROM:** Eric Stuckey, City Administrator  
Deborah Faulkner, Police Chief

**SUBJECT:**  
Consideration of Field Trial Agreement for Police Body Cameras with Panasonic

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) information on the importance of the field trial of Body Worn Camera (BWC) providers/solutions in an effort to compare the capabilities of different providers to the needs of the City of Franklin.

### **Background**

Through systematic research, independently conducted by Franklin Police Department employees, three solutions have been identified for BWC deployment that the Department would like to test. The process used to identify these three included an examination of technical specifications, camera resolution and capabilities, the ability to integrate with existing equipment, redaction capabilities that aid in the compliance with Tennessee Open Records laws, and data storage options.

### **Financial Impact:**

When implemented, these body cameras can be absorbed within the current, adopted budget.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City approve the field trial of the three solutions identified by the Department. The trials will provide a benchmark that can be used to better identify the needs of the Police Department and City in comparison to quickly-evolving technology. Those benchmarks will aid the City in the advancement of a logical bid and procurement process.