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## Tigard Police Department MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Tigard Police to Get Body Worn Cameras Department-Wide**

We are expanding our body worn camera program so that all sworn Tigard Police officers will have them. We have been researching this expansion for the last couple of years and we recently received City Council approval to move forward.

As a department, we've had dash cameras and some limited body cameras (for K-9 handlers, traffic officers, community service officers and school resource officers) for more than 10 years, but those systems are outdated, failing and need to be replaced. This upgrade will allow us to move forward with new, integrated technology that includes not only body worn cameras, but new in-car video systems, Tasers, interview room technology and digital storage.

The Police Department made presentations to the Public Safety Advisory Board and the City Council on this proposed department-wide expansion and got unanimous support from both groups. You can find those **presentations** below:

- PSAB from 3/22/21, beginning at 21 min. in: <https://youtu.be/v0d8fZLKFsw>
- City Council from 4/13/21, beginning at 59 min. in: <https://youtu.be/DmsqEg-cepU>

Additionally, you can find a **video** on the program expansion on our YouTube channel. For English subtitles, visit: <https://youtu.be/PQ0bzFE8APo>. Para subtítulos en español, visite <https://youtu.be/OHp2tIrAtjM>. The below **infographic** for "5 Things to Know" about the program can also be found online at [www.tigard-or.gov/police](http://www.tigard-or.gov/police).



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## THINGS TO KNOW

## TIGARD POLICE 2021 BODY CAMERA EXPANSION



It's time  
for an Upgrade!

**1** We've had in-car video and some limited body worn cameras for a long time, but our systems are dated, failing and need to be replaced. Now, we're getting a new integrated system and issuing body cameras department-wide. This upgrade includes new dash cameras, Tasers, video systems for interview rooms and digital evidence storage.

**Unanimous Support**  
from City Council  
& Public Safety  
Advisory Board



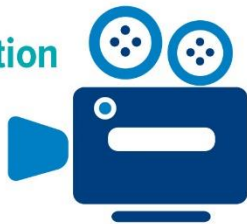
**2** Tigard Police gave presentations to Council & the PSAB on the proposed upgrade and expansion of our body worn camera program. You can watch those presentations on the city's website to learn more.



Footage **CAN'T**  
be tampered  
with, edited  
or deleted.

**3** Whatever is recorded is automatically uploaded to a secure server and preserved by our Property & Evidence Specialists.

**Automation**  
is Key!



**4** We're not relying on officers to remember to turn their cameras on. They will automatically come on whenever an officer activates their overhead lights, reaches a certain speed, draws a Taser, draws a gun, or is involved in a crash. Officers can also manually active their cameras at any time.



**Paid**  
for with  
**Existing**  
**Funds**

**5** The cost for this 5-year contract (including all integrated equipment) is \$1.46 million. It will be paid for with existing funds in the Police operating budget and reserves from the City's General Fund.

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