

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

**Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley, excused**

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612**

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

I. Review and Receive a Presentation on Revised General Order 6.14 Small Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS)

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Captain Robert Evans, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Revised General Order 6.14 Small Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS).

At the Public Protection Committee meeting in November 2023, community members expressed concerns, about some of the Sheriff's Office equipment, including uncrewed aircraft systems. Captain Evans engaged with the community in December to discuss modifications. Key changes include removing a section that allowed deployment at the sheriff's discretion, establishing a 60-day video retention timeline, and making UAS footage subject to the California Public Records Act. The Sheriff's Office also ensured that the UAS would remain unarmed. New deployment guidelines were added for specific non-enforcement activities. The annual report now includes deployment summaries, and an audit of twenty percent (20%) of flights will be conducted.

Speakers

Jennifer Tu, John Lindsay-Poland commented on the Presentation on Revised General Order 6.14 Small Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS).

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position

Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Review a Presentation on Alameda County Sheriff's Office Contracted Equipment and Services with Axon Enterprise

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Daniel Brodie, Captain, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Laken Ferreira, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Axon Enterprise and Megan Hardisty, Senior Key Account Director, Axon Enterprise, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Alameda County Sheriff's Office Contracted Equipment and Services with Axon Enterprise.

The partnership between Axon and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office began in the early 2000s. Axon initially provided tasers and later expanded to body-worn cameras and digital evidence management. The company's growth, driven by a mission to enhance law enforcement's ability to de-escalate situations without using lethal force. The Sheriff's Office discussed new technologies, such as in-car cameras, virtual reality training, and a draft report writing tool that uses AI to streamline documentation. The goal is to improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency in law enforcement through the advanced tools.

Technology and Implementation: The draft software is a separate purchase that works alongside body-worn cameras. It automatically transcribes audio from the camera and generates a draft report, which is uploaded to the evidence system.

Adoption and Beta Testing: The technology is new, having been released about a month ago. It's currently being beta tested by a few agencies, with more expected to join.

Device Lifespan: The recommended lifespan for tasers is five years, while body-worn cameras have a useful life of 2.5 years. Hardware upgrades are built into the contract, and supply chain issues are not anticipated.

Deputy Workload: Deputies spend considerable time on report writing, which often involves duplicating information across various forms. The new system aims to streamline this process, saving time.

Supervisor Oversight: Supervisors still need to review and sign off on reports, including use-of-force reports. The new system is expected to enhance accuracy by directly pulling information from body-worn camera footage.

Speakers

John Lindsay Poland and Jean Moses commented on the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Contracted Equipment and Services with Axon Enterprise.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented on the county's emergency medical services (EMS) and the ambulance contract. The contract was scheduled for renewal or transition to a new provider this year, has been delayed until 2025 or 2026. The Hayward Fire Department acquired ambulances and staffed them to address gaps in the current service, reflecting a lack of trust in the county's ambulance services. Additionally, rescue helicopters do not transport patients directly to hospitals, they are transferred to ambulances and that does not prioritize patient safety.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday, June 27, 2024.

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