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TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff Washoe County

SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize reimbursement for the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office purchase of replacement parts for Body Worn Cameras at a total cost of $1,198.00.

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office requests reimbursement for Body Worn Camera parts for a total of $1,198.00. Deputies are often placed in situations where they cameras come into contact with items that can cause damage to the camera or mounting hardware. If the mounting hardware is broken, the deputy is unable to attach the camera to his/her person. The Sheriff’s Office purchased additional mounting brackets and is seeking reimbursement for the cost.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Committee approved the purchase of Body Worn Cameras in 2018.

BACKGROUND

On May 25th, 2017, the Governor of Nevada approved SB176, which legislates that all Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) must wear an event recording device while on duty. Funding for SB176 is provided by phone bill 911 surcharges, which Washoe County does impose.

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, through monies obtained by the 911 surcharge implemented the Body Worn project prior to the July 1, 2018 deadline.

Since implementation, Deputies have broken numerous mounts in the scope of work. Some mounts have been broken because they were caught on equipment searching vehicles or even broken while fighting with individuals. In an effort to replace the existing mounts broken and to keep some in stock, the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office purchased 20 Flexible magnet mounts and 20 Thick Outwear magnet mounts for a total of $1198.00 ($29.95 each) from AXON.

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FISCAL IMPACT
The Enhanced 911 Fund is a special revenue fund which receives revenue pursuant to NRS 244A.7643 in the form of telephone surcharges collected to support the emergency reporting system and the funding of body worn cameras.

Budget authority exists with the E911 Fund to reimburse WCSO for the $1,198.00 expense.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve the request to recommend the Board of County Commissioners to approve reimbursement to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for $1,198.00.

POSSIBLE MOTION
Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to approve the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve reimbursement to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for $1,198.00.