

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-21**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF (19) BODY WORN CAMERAS, WITH THE  
REQUIRED ACCESSORIES LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ESTIMATE FROM  
WATCHGUARD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL  
AMOUNT OF \$105,458.00.**

**WHEREAS:** The Police Chief has recommended the purchase of nineteen (19) body worn cameras with the required accessories listed on the attached estimate for the Police Department to enhance the safety and welfare of the residents of Fairfield Township; and

**WHEREAS:** The total cost of the body worn cameras and the required accessories for the Police Department is \$105,458.00 and will be purchased out of the Fund No. 2191;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

**SECTION 1:** The Board hereby approves the purchase of (19) body worn cameras from WatchGuard for the Police Department in the total amount of \$105,458.00 and included herein as Attachment "A".

**SECTION 2:** The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

**SECTION 3** This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

**SECTION 4:** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 5:** This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: January 13, 2021

**Board of Trustees**

Susan Berding:

Susan Berding

Shannon Hartkemeyer:

Shannon Hartkemeyer

Joe McAbee:

Joe McAbee

**Vote of Trustees**

Yes

Yes

Yes

**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

**ATTEST:**

Shelly Schultz

Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

L.E. Barbieri

Lawrence E. Barbieri, Township Law Director

December 4, 2020

TO: Mrs. Julie Vonderhaar  
Township Administrator

FROM: Robert Chabali  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Body Worn Cameras (BWCs)

Mrs. Vonderhaar:

As you recall, I requested to purchase in-car cameras from WatchGuard in July 2018. After approval, adding the proper IT-related equipment via SWOCA and P & R Communications, formulating policy and providing training to our personnel, we began using this technology in February 2019. This system has been a tremendous asset to the police department as it has provided video evidence in traffic and criminal cases. Additionally, it has cleared our personnel from citizen complaints in several incidents and has been used to provide training.

Now that we have worked through some of the technological issues our personnel are comfortable with and support the in-car camera technology. As positive as our in-car camera system has been, it does not cover the officer when out of camera view, which occurs quite often in police work. With the current anti-police sentiment in the nation and to compliment the in-car system, I am requesting to purchase body-worn cameras (BWCs). While neither in-car cameras or body-worn cameras are utopian, the addition of the body-worn camera system is consistent with the proven benefits of the in-car system and will also add the following:

- Body-Worn Cameras Provide Ability to Deploy in Areas Not Covered by In-car Cameras
  - As these cameras are mounted on the officer, the cameras will go where the officer goes unless policy dictates different (incidents involving juveniles, sexual assaults, etc.)
- Body-Worn Cameras Bolsters Accountability
  - A recent study by the Pew Research Center says that the majority of the public (93%) and the police (66%) support the use of BWCs based on accountability
  - Cameras protect the public against police misconduct and at the same time protect the officer against false accusations (proven by our in-car system)
- Body-Worn Cameras Promote Transparency and Openness
  - Making police operations more transparent can work to bridge the gap between the police and the public
- Body-Worn Cameras Improve Officer Performance and Civilian Conduct
  - People act more appropriately if they know they are being watched, which include both the police and citizens

- Body-Worn Cameras offer an Impartial Eyewitness
  - While video can be subject to interpretation, this technology offers unbiased "third" party witness to events
- Body-Worn Cameras Aid in Evidence Collection and Court Proceedings
  - Aside from documenting encounters with the public, body-worn camera technology also helps officers record what they see in accident and crime scenes
- Body-Worn Cameras Improve Officer Training and Development
  - The use of information technology by law enforcement, including reviewing BWC footage, helps officers learn from each other and is cost-effective.
  - Scenario-based training allows forces to evaluate their officers and find areas where more training is needed, benefiting the officers and the public they serve.
- Body-Worn cameras Provide Information to Identify and Correct Problems
  - Departments have been able to identify potential weaknesses with their agencies and develop solutions for improvement, such as providing training or revising departmental policy

As you are aware, we have recently obtained certification from the Ohio Collaborative, which recommends certain standards to professionalize law enforcement in Ohio. The Ohio Collaborative has a body-worn camera standard which we were not been able to meet. Although we obtained a waiver, Collaborative Standards were recently updated to meet current concerns in law enforcement. The purchase of this technology will allow us to meet this important standard.

Based on the WatchGuard technology, purchasing the WatchGuard body-worn cameras, as opposed to purchasing from another vendor, makes it the most efficient and cost-saving method to obtain BWCs as the WatchGuard cameras will use the same server. Any other vendor would require purchasing another server. Once approved, I will work with Mr. Barbieri to revise the current in-car camera policy to include body-worn cameras.

We will be purchasing nineteen (19) cameras plus five (5) free ones, along with the required accessories listed on the attached estimate. This number will accommodate our authorized strength of twenty-three (23) and provide backups when repair is required on some. Mr. Peter Klaus, WatchGuard Representative, has guaranteed this pricing through January 2021.

**TOTAL COST: \$105,458.00**



Robert Chabali  
Chief of Police



## 4RE/VISTA Price Quote

CUSTOMER: Fairfield Township Police Department

ISSUED: 9/18/2020 9:57 AM

EXPIRATION: 12/11/2020 4:00 AM

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**TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATED AT:  
\$105,458.00**

ATTENTION: Chief Chabali

SALES CONTACT: Peter Klaus

PHONE:

DIRECT:

E-MAIL:

E-MAIL: peter.klaus@motorolasolutions.com

### V300 Proposal

#### VISTA HD Cameras and Options

Part Number	Detail	Qty	Direct	Discount	Total Price
VIS-300-BWC-001	V300, Body Worn Camera, 1080P, WiFi/Bluetooth with Removable Battery	19.00	\$995.00	\$0.00	\$18,905.00
VIS-300-VTS-KIT	Transfer Station II Kit, Incl. Power & AC Cables, Label and Docs	2.00	\$1,495.00	\$0.00	\$2,990.00
VIS-300-VEH-002	V300, WiFi Dock, D330, In-Vehicle Charge/Upload Kit, Incl. Cables and Brackets	12.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$3,540.00
VIS-300-BAT-RMV	V300, Battery, Removable and Rechargeable, 3.8V, 4180mAh	12.00	\$99.00	\$0.00	\$1,188.00
WAR-300-CAM-NOF	Warranty, V300 3 Year, No-Fault	19.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$8,550.00
WAR-300-CAM-4TH	Warranty, V300, 4th Year, (requires No Fault Warranty)	19.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$3,420.00
WAR-300-CAM-5TH	Warranty, V300, 5th Year, (requires No Fault Warranty)	19.00	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$4,465.00

#### Shipping and Handling

Part Number	Detail	Qty	Direct	Discount	Total Price
Freight	Shipping/Handling and Processing Charges	1.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
					\$46,058.00

### EvidenceLibrary.com

#### Evidence Library 4 Web Software and Licensing

Part Number	Detail	Qty	Direct	Discount	Total Price
ELC-SAH-UNL-ASD	Evidencelibrary.com, Software and Hosting, Unlimited Assigned, Annually per device	120.00	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$59,400.00
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415 E. Exchange Parkway • Allen, TX • 75002  
Toll Free (800) 605-6734 • Main (972) 423-9777 • Fax (972) 423-9778  
[www.WatchGuardVideo.com](http://www.WatchGuardVideo.com)





## 4RE/VISTA Price Quote

Part Number	Detail	Qty	Direct	Discount	Total Price
VIS-300-BWC-001	V300, Body Worn Camera, 1080P, WiFi/Bluetooth with Removable Battery	5.00	\$995.00	\$995.00	\$0.00
VIS-300-VTS-KIT	Transfer Station II Kit, Incl. Power & AC Cables, Label and Docs	1.00	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	\$0.00
WAR-300-CAM-NOF	Warranty, V300 3 Year, No-Fault	5.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
WAR-300-CAM-4TH	Warranty, V300, 4th Year, (requires No Fault Warranty)	5.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
WAR-300-CAM-5TH	Warranty, V300, 5th Year, (requires No Fault Warranty)	5.00	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$0.00

### Shipping and Handling

Part Number	Detail	Qty	Direct	Discount	Total Price
Freight	Shipping/Handling and Processing Charges	1.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$0.00 \$0.00

Total Estimated Tax, may vary from State to State \$0.00

Configuration Discounts	\$11,215.00
Additional Quote Discount	\$0.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$105,458.00</b>

NOTE: This is only an estimate for 4RE & VISTA related hardware, software and WG Technical Services. Actual costs related to a turn-key operation requires more detailed discussion and analysis, which will define actual back-office costs and any costs associated with configuration, support and installation. Please contact your sales representative for more details.

To accept this quotation, sign, date and return with Purchase Order: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_