

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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TO: Mayor Jim Gray

Urban County Council

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Chief Mark Barnard FROM:

Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Ronnie Bastin

Department of Public Safety

DATE: June 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Taser International Purchase (TASER X2 CEW) – Sole Source Vendor

Request

Authorization to purchase taser's from Taser International, which is a Sole Source Vendor.

Why are you requesting?

Please see the attached quote reference the purchase of Taser X2 CEW. The TASER X2 is the current CEW that is purchased for our new hires and our TASER instructors. The X26 is no longer produced and the service life of the units is coming to an end. The TASER X2 is considered a smart TASER and is more rugged than the X26.

The TASER X2 is considered a smart weapon meaning that it has the ability to adjust the output of electricity to get to the optimal output level of 63 micro coulombs. The X26 had a fix setting of 120 Micro Coulombs. So this makes the TASER X2 a safer CEW and makes it more efficient. The TASER X2 is also more weather resistant then the X26 so this should keep us from having to send units back to TASER to be replaced.

This purchase is for 200 X2's, APPM, Hogue grips, holster and 6 TASER cartridges per X2. As stated above this is to replace our current X26 CEWS the total cost is \$319,245.84. This price will get us all the equipment needed to get two hundred officers transitioned to this new TASER CEW.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

Total Cost - \$319,245.84

Are the funds budgeted? Pending approval of funds requested in the FY17 budget

Accounting – 2607-505501-5511-75801 - \$312,000

Accounting - 1101-505507-5571-75801 - \$7,245.84

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Director/Commissioner: Mark Barnard, Chief

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