




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	November 23, 2023
SUBJECT:	In-Car Camera Technology Report
REPORT NUMBER:	23-101
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Since 2014, the Hamilton the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) has reviewed the state of body-worn camera technology and its viability within the Service.
- In April 2023, the HPS began deploying Axon's Fleet 3 In-Car Camera and Automated License Plate Reader (ICC/ALPR) technology to 10 cruisers within its fleet.
- As of October 2023, a total of 78 uniform patrol vehicles have been outfitted with the Fleet 3 system, which is deployed between Uniform Patrol Divisions and the Traffic Safety Unit.
- The hardware and software for the program is currently paid for through a one-time grant received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General through 2027.
- Review of the efficacy of the program will be made to consider the continued use of the ICC/ALPR technology post-contract.

INFORMATION

Since 2014, the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) has reviewed the state of body-worn camera technology and its viability of deployment within the Service.

In March 2022, the HPS recommended to the Hamilton Police Service Board (HPSB) that consideration be made regarding possible deployment of in-car camera technology. This was followed in April 2022 with a request for approval for the standardization of the Axon Law Enforcement platform to create seamless connection with the Service's Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS). This was in anticipation of \$1.6 million in grant

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dollars from the Ministry of the Solicitor General for the purchase of In-Car Camera (ICC) and Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) technology.

In November 2022, the HPS was successful with their grant application, receiving a one-time payment of \$1,619,499.00. This grant allowed the HPS to acquire 78 Axon Fleet 3 ICC / ALPR units for deployment to the Service's front-line vehicles.

In April 2023, the Fleet 3 units were installed in 10 vehicles, with 29 officers being trained as early adopters of the technology. This allowed for a review of the impact of the units on HPS staff and infrastructure, prior to full deployment. As of October 20, 2023 installation of the units has been completed and the 78 vehicles are in active use across the City of Hamilton.

Continued review of the technology and its impact on the HPS will occur through the term of the five year contract with Axon, which expires in 2027. This review will look at the viability of continuation of the ICC/ALPR program and whether expansion is warranted, including the adoption of other video-recording technology such as Body-Worn Cameras (BWC).

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – In-Car Video Recording Technology Report

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