

Reapprop to DPS for Trooper Video Equipment and Storage - Est \$350,000

FY2016 Request: \$0
Reference No: AMD 60690

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Information Technology / Systems / Communication

Category: Public Protection

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Contact: Kelly Howell

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

Contact Phone: (907)269-5591

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The unexpended and unobligated balances, estimated to be a total of \$350,000, of the appropriations made in sec. 1, ch. 135, SLA 2000, page 18, lines 28 - 29 (Department of Public Safety, video arraignments - phase 1 of 2 - \$510,000) and sec. 7, ch. 43, SLA 2010, page 33, lines 10 - 12 (Department of Public Safety, video judicial conference arraignment study - \$100,000) is reappropriated to the Department of Public Safety for state trooper video equipment and storage.

Funding:	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P33 L10 SB230 \$100,000

Sec1 Ch135 SLA2000 P18 L28 SB192 \$510,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will purchase approximately 225 in-car video cameras and 400 body worn cameras for trooper vehicles as well as for all trooper personnel. In-car video cameras and body worn cameras, including adequate storage servers will allow DPS to collect and preserve video evidence from these systems, appropriately store it and access it as needed for evidentiary purposes. DPS is currently working on re-purposing several data storage servers to provide a substantial portion of the necessary infrastructure and would be limiting the number of in-car video cameras as the estimated cost for those cameras is \$5,000 per unit. The estimated cost of the body-worn cameras is approximately \$500-\$700 per unit, depending on final pricing.

In today's current environment, there is an expectation from the public that law enforcement employ the most current technology that will assist in determining suspect actions as well as officer actions in many circumstances. DPS is at a significant disadvantage when it comes to recording pursuit related events, DUI arrests and other traffic related offenses. The current in-car video systems are limited in the number of vehicles that are equipped with them. In addition, they are antiquated and failing at an ever increasing rate.

Reappropriation to DPS for Trooper Video Equipment and Storage - Est \$350,000

FY2016 Request: \$0
Reference No: AMD 60690

Most of the contacts made by AWT are "remote" contacts, either in the field or by themselves without another back-up unit. As such, this technology is important for officer safety as well as providing eye-witness evidence and proof of an event or statement.

The body-worn video is of particular interest in that the majority of the contacts are in the field and away from what an in-car video would capture. This would include vessel boardings, hunting camps, sport fishing contacts, etc. During these times, the AWT troopers are able to see and eventually seize evidence of an illegal rack on big game, GPS markings on a fishing vessel over the line into closed areas, etc. Body-worn video technology is critical in allowing AWT to capture this information on the fly instead of needing to stop and photograph things.

AST units usually work alone and have the same "eye witness" needs as the AWT troopers have in many circumstances with both in-car video systems and body worn cameras significantly enhancing these capabilities.

During many high risk or high liability situations, these video systems are able to capture the most accurate information contemporaneous with the incident to re-create what occurred, documenting criminal activity and providing a foundation for defense from frivolous lawsuits. Appropriate video documentation reduces the amount of time that all facets of the justice system must spend in court, creating long term efficiency in the furtherance of achieving the ultimate goal of justice.

Along with the camera systems themselves, adequate technological infrastructure must also be obtained in the way of storage servers so that the video can be maintained, indexed and accessed in an efficient manner.