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Town Marshal's Dash and Body Cameras.

Marshal Ginnan has been working on updates to the various tools utilized in the Police Department. One of the items that he quickly identified a need for are dash cameras and body cameras for department. Marshal Ginnan feels that these tools will help protect the officers and public in Yorktown during normal operation. There will be 3 cameras for each vehicle/officer; a forward facing dash camera, a vehicle compartment camera to help protect officers while they are transporting individuals and a body camera to be worn on the chest of each officer.

Traditionally the cost of the technology has been prohibitive for small departments utilize these tools, but there is a push at the state and federal level to make these devices available for all departments to make policing better all around. Marshal Ginnan has obtained two quotes, with the second quote providing some proprietary software that the Marshal does not believe is needed for the department to introduce these new tools. Marshal Ginnan is recommending the system from GETAC.

Marshal Ginnan has applied for two state grants to help cover the cost of cameras, but those are expected to be competitive as a number of smaller departments are adding these tools. Marshal Ginnan has identified room in his budget under machinery and equipment to pay for any costs not covered by grant funds.

Pete Olson
Town Manager