



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Harrigan Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
July 23, 2025
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD**
- F. REPORTS**
 - 1. Chair
 - 2. Vice Chair
 - 3. Liaison Report
 - 4. Fire Representative
 - 5. Police Representative
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. Police Department Body Camera Discussion
- I. NEW BUSINESS**
- J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- K. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS**
Next meeting date: **Wednesday – September 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Centennial Hall**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 23, 2025
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: Gail Roderick, Michelle Kavouras, Gregg Olson and Leslie Young
City Staff: Chief Goeden, Chief Warren and Exc. Assistant Serena Wild

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 28, 2025

Motion: Motion by Kavouras to approve the May 28, 2025 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Chief Goeden – introduced himself to the Commission. He also shared that he has been focusing on recruiting and learning the department, as he has only worked as a State Trooper not municipal police.
2. Chief Warren – recently had a fire on a porch but good Samaritans were able to extinguish the flames before FD arrived on scene. FD had also assisted with a fatal boating accident. A memorial for Morris “Buzz” Brown, who had been a FD volunteer for over 40 yrs, was to take place. The FD Super Saturday was on tap for the weekend. The Alaska Fire Conference will be in Sitka in September.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Department Body Camera Discussion
Discussion ensued regarding the cost and redaction capabilities for public record requests. Public buy into the body cameras could potentially push the Assembly to fund the cameras and the Commission meetings gives people an opportunity to express their opinions.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chief Goeden shared about his upcoming Meet & Greet with the public.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, August 27, 2025 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items: Body Cameras

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:11 PM.

Public Safety Event Reports



Event Activity Analysis by Time

Date Reported: 01/01/2025 - 08/24/2025



SITKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
304 LAKE ST # 102
SITKA, AK 99835
PH: (907) 747-3245

Classification	HOUR																								Total
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
ABANDONED	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	3	3	0	1	2	25
Abandon Vehicle	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	3	0	1	2	24
Other Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AGENCY ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Assist Other Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
ANIMAL PROBLEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	7
Animal Attack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	6
Animal Ordinance Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	3	0	5	3	4	1	1	1	4	1	4	38
Aggravated Assault - Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Aggravated Assault, Family, Knife/Cut Instr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Strongarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Aggravated Assault, Gun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Nonfamily, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Police Officer, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Intimidation (Includes Stalking)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Simple Assault	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	3	1	3	1	1	1	3	0	2	26
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Burglary, Forced Entry Residence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
CIVIL PROBLEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Civil Dispute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
DAMAGED PROPERTY	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	17
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Damaged Property, Business	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Damaged Property, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Damaged Property, Private	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Damaged Property, Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Damaged Property,Public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	10
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unattended Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	9
DUI	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	0	2	1	3	26
Alcohol	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	24
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Family Disturbance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Forgery Of Checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FRAUD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Fraud By Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Fraud, Illegal Use Credit Cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fraudulent Activities Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HARASSMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	11
Electronic Communication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Harassment, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
JUVENILE PROBLEM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Runaway Juvenile	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Liquor, Possess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Miscellaneous Incidents	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
NON UCR REPORTABLE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Non UCR Reportable	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
OBSTRUCT JUSTICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Conditional Release Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Violation Of A Court Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
OBSTRUCT POLICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Resisting/Interfering W/Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
OTHER SEX OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offense, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PORNOGRAPHY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Obscene Material, Possess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PROPERTY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Found Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PUBLIC PEACE	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	13
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	13
PUBLIC SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Assist Public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rape, Strongarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sexual Assault, Carnal Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STOLEN VEHICLE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Unauthorized Use, Auto (Joy Riding)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Theft, Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
SUSPICIOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Suspicious Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
THEFT	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	2	3	0	4	5	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	3	36
Larceny, Bicycle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Larceny, From Bank Type Institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny, From Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	7
Larceny, From Vehicle	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Larceny, From Yard/Land	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Purse, Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Theft Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	13
TRAFFIC (CRIMINAL VIOLATION)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Criminal Traffic Violation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	6	6	8	4	3	7	3	6	1	1	2	0	3	0	61
Hit/Run, Private Prop Damg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hit/Run, Vehicle Damg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13

Traffic Accident, Injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	8
Traffic Accident, Private Prop Damg	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Traffic Accident, Vehicle Damage	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Traffic Accident. Public Property Damg	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	9
TRAFFIC PROBLEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Reckless Driver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Traffic, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TRESPASSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Trespassing, Private Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Firing Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Events	9	13	8	8	2	1	2	3	8	13	27	20	19	12	17	33	23	20	14	14	10	15	10	18	319
Total Citation Violations:	6	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	5	10	4	7	2	5	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	64
Total Citations:	7	7	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	6	10	4	7	2	5	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	70

Current Year ▾

Jan 1, 2025 - Aug 25, 2025 ▾

12%

FIRE

Percentage of Total Incidents

88%

EMS

Percentage of Total Incidents

1,056

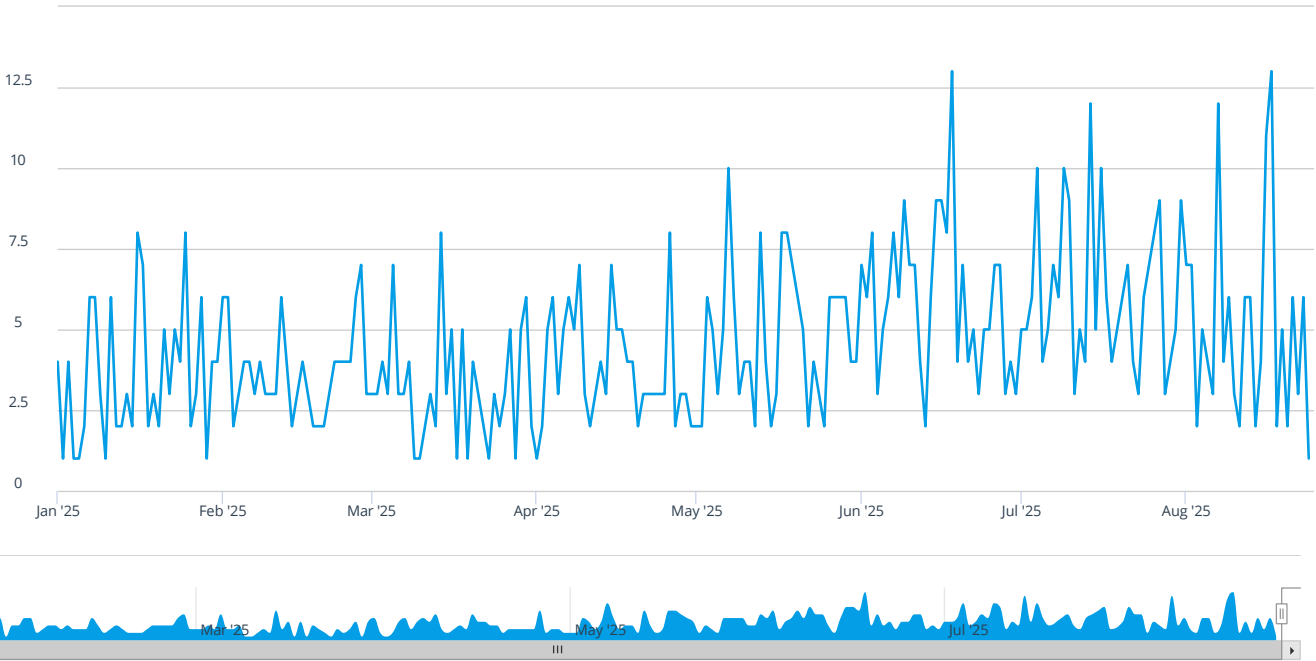
INCIDENTS

In Selected Time Slice

237

DAYS

In Selected Time Slice



Counts % Rows % Columns % All

	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Total
(10) Fire, other					1									1
(11) Structure Fire					1	1		1						3
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire	1	1				1	1	2						6
(14) Natural vegetation fire	1						1							2
(15) Outside rubbish fire		1				1	1							3
(16) Special outside fire							1							1
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition				1										1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other	1			1										2
(31) Medical assist						1	3	1						5
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	97	84	89	103	130	157	156	108						924
(34) Search for lost person			2	1										3
(35) Extrication, rescue	1													1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue							1							1
(38) Rescue or EMS standby					1									1
(41) Combustible/f... spills & leaks		1	1		1		1							4

	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Total
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition						1								1
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem		1				1								2
(46) Accident, potential accident								1						1
(50) Service call, other		1					1	1						3
(51) Person in distress					1			1						2
(53) Smoke, odor problem			1					1						2
(55) Public service assistance	1	2			1	5	2							11
(56) Unauthorized burning					1		1							2
(60) Good intent call, other				1										1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	1		3	1	3	1	5							14
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found					1									1
(63) Controlled burning	1	1		1		1								4
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		1				1								2
(67) HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat		2												2
(70) False alarm and false call, other		1	2		1	1	2	1						8
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm								1						1
(73) System or detector malfunction	2			2	1	1	2	1						9
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	5	4	1	3	2	3	5	3						26
(90) Special type of incident, other					1	1								2
(91) Citizen complaint				1		3								4
Total	111	100	99	115	146	180	183	122						1,056

From: [LouRod](#)
To: [Serena Wild](#)
Subject: FW: RE: [External Email] Body Cams Sitka Police Dept
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025 2:53:27 PM

----- Original message -----

From: James Michels <J.Michels@skagway.org>
Date: 7/25/25 10:23 AM (GMT-09:00)
To: Lou & Gail Roderick <lourod@gci.net>
Subject: RE: [External Email] Body Cams Sitka Police Dept

Good Morning Gail,

Skagway Police currently use the Axon Body 4, we absolutely love them. I am the Axon Administrator also for the police department, I set up all our cameras and Tasers. I really don't have any complaints in regards to the cameras. They are very useful for criminal prosecution; however, even more useful for protecting the city against frivolous complaints and law suits. They are a great tool for protecting officers while also holding those that need it accountable for their actions. The only negative aspect to them is the cost.

I used to work with North Slope Borough Police Department out of Barrow. We started using axon body cameras back in 2014, they were a tremendous asset and held up well in the cold.

I think they are a great idea, if you have other questions or would like to speak to me directly, feel free to reach out. Thanks.....James



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Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 5:08 PM

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To: Lou & Gail Roderick <lourod@gci.net>
Subject: Re: Body Cams Sitka Police Dept

Hello Gail,

Our department uses Axon Body 4 cameras. They're great. Their system integrates with our Tasers and vehicles. We haven't had any issues with the more current models. The older models used to be affected by weather (rain), but that isn't the case any more. The cost comes from digital storage but that's expected. All in all, we're staying with Axon and we don't intend to move to any other brand.

Hope this helps,

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Date: 7/26/25 7:13 AM (GMT-09:00)
To: lourod@gci.net
Subject: Fwd: Body Cams Sitka Police Dept

Hi Gail,

The Kodiak Police Department began experimenting with body cameras about 10 years ago. After some trial and error, we ultimately decided to get Axon body cameras. We used the Axon Flex 2 first because the camera is mounted near the head and the thought was it could provide a better recording from an officer's perspective (which we now know is an incorrect description of body cameras). The additional connections, however, caused several failures due to rain and moisture. The ease of the Body mounted version was an improvement. We have been using Axon for 7+ years and currently have the Body 3. We are due for an upgrade to the Body 4 in the next few months as part of the current 5-year agreement.

The camera is only part of the solution. As you mentioned, other considerations include storage, discovery, and records requests (FOIA). Right now many agencies in the State use Axon and the troopers (I hear) are considering adopting them in lieu of the current Motorola cameras. Additionally, the Department of Law may soon begin using Evidence.com (Axon) instead of NICE, which is their current digital evidence management solution. This would make it much easier to share recordings and other digital evidence with Law. While the State may or may not ultimately adopt Axon, I can tell you from a user perspective that Axon products are very intuitive.

The digital evidence management portion of Axon is Evidence.com. We save all digital evidence in Axon with few exceptions (large cell phone extractions and heavy video files over 4 GB). It's easy to create a case and upload all reports, photos, video, and documents. Each officer has a department issued smart phone and the Axon apps which allow them to take photos, video, recordings, or even send links to citizens who can transfer their own photos and recordings to the officer similar to Dropbox. The body camera needs a smart phone. Not sure if Sitka currently issues them, but that would be a consideration. It also replaces the need to buy other cameras or recorders.

There are policy considerations, record's retention schedules to consider, limits to body camera recordings, and differences between camera recordings and human memory that should be evaluated. Pixel resolution, frame rate, refresh rate, and angle all affect the camera recordings. For example, the human eye closely replicates about 24 frames per second and a 55 mm view. Most body cameras record at 30 frames per second and some have a 120+ mm view. Body cameras record a field of vision, they do not capture the officer's perspective, focus, interest, or intent. Cameras don't have emotion, experience stress, or get fixated on objects. In other words, viewing footage can add information to an officer's memory through perception, so deciding whether or not to allow them to view footage before completing a use

of force report is an important policy consideration.

I'm not in the office right now, but I would be happy to share our SOP. I am a huge proponent of body cameras. Even the few officers we have that worked in the digital recorder days would never want to go back. Other benefits with certain cameras and manufacturers include technical capabilities like "live streaming" critical incidents from cameras to a command center or EOC, geolocating or mapping an officer's location in CAD or through RapidSOS, and automated translation and transcription.

Kodiak uses 18 body cameras. We equip all the police officers, community service officer (code enforcement/animal control), and 2 corrections officers who conduct prisoner transports with them. We are paying about \$18k a year right now. Other services like those mentioned above would add a cost to the current plan.

Let me know what other questions you have.

Tim

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