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## SDPD to Host Community Meeting to Discuss Body–Worn Cameras, Evidence.com Technologies ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVIDENCE ARCHIVE TOOLS NEXT

TO MOVE THROUGH CITY'S SURVEILLANCE ORDINANCE

**San Diego** – Continuing efforts to comply with the City of San Diego's <u>Surveillance Ordinance</u>, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) will hold a community meeting to share information on its use of Axon Body-Worn Cameras and Evidence.com technologies on Thursday, July 6, at 6 p.m.

SDPD was among the first agencies in the San Diego region to adopt the Department-wide use of Axon Body-Worn Cameras in 2014. The Department already has established procedures to ensure officers have clear guidelines for when and how the devices are used. The devices are used nationwide by agencies as an accountability and transparency tool to capture interactions between officers and community members.

Evidence.com is the digital evidence management system contracted by the department to store Body-Worn Camera footage and other photo and video evidence collected by the department in a secure platform for use by approved personnel for investigative purposes. The technologies must be moved through the City's Surveillance Ordinance process before new agreements can be issued.

The community meeting to solicit feedback will consist of one location serving as the hub for the main presentation on the two technologies, with eight other locations throughout the City simulcasting the presentation and allowing in-person attendance and public comment.

In addition to the in-person, simulcast meeting in all nine City Council Districts, SDPD will post a recording of the presentation to its <u>technology website</u> and allow online public comment for Axon Body-Worn

Cameras and Evidence.com until 5 p.m. on July 13. Public comment forms can be found under the corresponding technology's name on the website.

The meeting is the next set of technologies being brought forward in accordance with the City of San Diego's Surveillance Ordinance, which details the requirements that every City department must adhere to for each technology that is defined as surveillance.

SDPD has over 70 technologies that must follow the process outlined by the ordinance in order to be used by the department to conduct investigations, enhance response to critical incidents and public threats, and safeguard the lives of community members.

SDPD has already posted the Use Policy for each technology on its website that details the access, data storage and retention, the release of content collected, and more. Community members are encouraged to review the Use Policies and supporting materials prior to attending the community meeting.

The simulcast meeting on July 6 will occur at each of the following locations. Any updates or changes to locations will be posted on the <u>SDPD website</u>.

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 6 – 8 p.m.	Anchor Church – Host Location	1765 Pentecost Way
	Central Library – Mary Hollis Room	330 Park Blvd.
	Clark Middle School	4388 Thorn St.
	Hourglass Park Field House	10440 Black Mountain Rd.
	Mission Trails Visitor Center	1 Father Junipero Serra Trail
	Pacific Beach Taylor Branch Library	4275 Cass St.
	The Rock Church – Main Campus	2277 Rosecrans St.
	San Ysidro Library	4235 Beyer Blvd.
	Scripps Ranch Community Center	11885 Cypress Canyon Rd.

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