



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Steve
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Frisbie
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Marshall Police Department, Albion Department of Public Safety
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
714 Old 27 North, Marshall, MI 49068
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
714 Old 27 North, Marshall, MI 49068
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Steve Frisbie, District 44 and Sarah Lightner, District 45
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. This taxpayer funding is to allow the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, as well as the two other listed entities, upgrade from the Axon X26P to the new Axon T10. Tasers are a critical tool for law enforcement officers, allowing them to incapacitate individuals with non-lethal force. The Axon T10 has numerous features that make it more effective for officer safety with enhanced accuracy and range, with a better battery as well. The Axon T10 integrates seamlessly with Axon's body cameras, providing a real time record of

taser deployment.

This item does not violate Article 4 Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution because this is going to local law enforcement.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

737700

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["None"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

N/A

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

FY 2026. Estimated life of the units are 5-7 years

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes

Proposal to Upgrade to Axon T10 Tasers for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office

Date: March 27, 2025

Executive Summary

This proposal seeks approval for the upgrade of the current Tasers, **Axon X26P**, used by the Sheriff's Office to the new **Axon T10** model. The Axon T10 Taser represents the next generation in law enforcement technology, offering enhanced safety features, superior performance, and advanced functionality. By transitioning to the Axon T10, we aim to enhance officer safety, improve accountability, and optimize the agency's ability to effectively de-escalate potentially violent situations.

1. Introduction and Rationale

The safety of officers and the public is the cornerstone of effective policing. Tasers are a critical tool for law enforcement officers, enabling them to incapacitate suspects non-lethally, reducing the need to resort to lethal force in high-risk situations. While our current Taser models have served us well, advances in technology present an opportunity to further improve officer safety, public trust, and the effectiveness of our operations.

The **Axon T10 Taser** is equipped with cutting-edge features that provide numerous benefits to both officers and the communities they serve.

2. Key Benefits of Upgrading to the Axon T10

a. Enhanced Safety for Officers and the Public

- **Improved Effectiveness:** The Axon T10 offers enhanced accuracy and range, ensuring that officers can deploy the device effectively from a greater distance, thereby reducing risk to both the officer and the suspect.
- **Reduced Risk of Injury:** With advanced energy deployment and reduced dart spread, the T10 minimizes the potential for excessive force or injury, improving the safety of all parties involved.
- **More Reliable Performance:** Axon's advanced battery and deployment systems ensure the T10 performs consistently, reducing the likelihood of malfunction in critical moments.

b. Real-Time Data Integration

- **Body-Worn Camera Integration:** The Axon T10 integrates seamlessly with Axon's body-worn cameras and cloud-based data systems, providing a real-time record of each Taser deployment. This enhances transparency and accountability while ensuring compliance

with department policies. While we do not currently use Axon body-worn cameras, we are exploring new options for when our current contract with GTAC ends.

- **Cloud-Based Reporting:** The T10 automatically uploads data from each deployment to the cloud, creating a secure, easily accessible log for training, auditing, and investigations. This data-driven approach ensures accurate documentation and helps improve future training and policies.

c. Reduced Liability and Legal Exposure

- **Evidence Collection:** The integration of the T10 with Axon's digital evidence platform ensures a complete record of every deployment. This can significantly reduce potential legal challenges, offering clear, unbiased documentation that supports the actions of officers.
- **Policy Compliance:** With built-in features that ensure compliance with departmental use-of-force policies, the Axon T10 helps mitigate legal risks associated with inappropriate Taser use.
- **Axon Legal Support:** With an upgrade to the T10, Axon will support us in court if a death occurs due to a Taser usage. They do not still make our current Tasers and would not support us in court.

d. Officer Training and Support

- **User-Friendly Interface:** The T10 is designed to be easy to use and intuitive, reducing the time needed for officers to become proficient in its operation. Axon provides comprehensive training resources to ensure effective implementation.
- **Ongoing Support:** Axon offers unparalleled customer support, including software updates, hardware maintenance, and training programs, ensuring the agency always has access to the latest advancements in Taser technology.

3. Key Features of the Axon T10

- **Taser Smart Technology:** The Axon T10 utilizes smart technology to track deployment, monitor battery status, and ensure effective usage during a critical situation.
- **Longer Battery Life:** The T10's advanced battery system provides longer operational time, reducing downtime between charges and ensuring more reliability during patrol.
- **Wireless Control and Tracking:** Integration with Axon's cloud allows for real-time monitoring of all Taser devices in the field, ensuring each unit is functioning correctly and enhancing coordination.
- **Smaller and Lighter Design:** The Axon T10 is more ergonomic, reducing the burden on officers while maintaining powerful performance.

- **Improved Dart and Probe Technology:** New probes and dart technology reduce the risk of injury while increasing the likelihood of a successful incapacitation.
- **Cartridge and Battery Replacement:** Currently, we need to purchase Taser cartridges when used for training and other deployments. Additionally, batteries need to be bought when in need of replacement. With the **T10**, replacement batteries and cartridges are included in the cost.

4. Financial Considerations

The cost of upgrading to the Axon T10 Taser system includes both the initial purchase of the devices and associated accessories, as well as ongoing costs for training, maintenance, and data integration services.

Total Estimated Investment for 36 T10 and 33 additional users, training and Full VR Course:

\$ 737,704

~~\$222,222~~ for a five year contract. (Includes Marshall and Albion Police Departments)

It is worth noting that while there is an upfront investment, the long-term benefits of the Axon T10 in terms of safety, effectiveness, and liability reduction are expected to outweigh these costs.

5. Conclusion

Upgrading to the **Axon T10 Taser** will significantly enhance the Sheriff's Office ability to respond to high-risk situations with greater effectiveness and safety. With its advanced features, including real-time data integration, and improved performance the Axon T10 will help protect officers, ensure better outcomes in critical encounters, and enhance public trust in law enforcement practices.

Thank you for considering this proposal.