

**NEVADA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



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SHERIFF/CORONER
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

August 13, 2021

Honorable Judge Tom Anderson
Presiding Judge of the Grand Jury
201 Church Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Response to 2020-2021 Nevada County Grand Jury Report *Nevada County Sheriff Body-Worn
Cameras: Moving in Slow Motion*

Dear Honorable Judge Anderson:

Findings

F1 *The Grand Jury finds that over two years to issue an RFP seems excessive.*

Partially Agree

The Grand Jury Report listed seven reasonable explanations as to why this process was perceived to be delayed. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office wanted to have a solid and responsible plan in place when spending a significant amount of taxpayer's dollars. Integrating a newer technology into an existing technology takes additional research, planning, and more time. Grant Funding requires following Federal Purchasing Guidelines. In this case, detailed specifications needed to be developed for a Request for Proposal, a time-consuming multidisciplinary process. Installing and troubleshooting necessary support equipment, as well as new infrastructure posed many challenges and took additional time. The Global COVID 19 pandemic negatively affected supply chains and product delivery across the board, including this project.

Recommendations

R1 *Affirm its target BWC deployment date of September 2021 for in-field operations.*

The Sheriff's Office has full intentions of deploying BWC's during September 2021, providing that:

- All equipment is received from the BWC vendor prior to implementation.
- BWC vendor completes all training as required in the RFP.
- Vehicle compatibility equipment and installations are completed once products are received.

R2 *Publish its relevant policies and procedures per State policy.*

This recommendation has been partially implemented. The policy for the current in-car camera system is posted for public viewing on the Sheriff's Office website pursuant to SB 978. The additional policy covering the use of BWC's will be published prior to their deployment.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the members of the 2020-2021 Grand Jury for their participation and effort in preparing their reports. We are committed to providing excellence in public service in partnership with our community.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannan Moon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shannan Moon
Sheriff-Coroner