



KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A Resolution Protecting Law Enforcement Officers while Affecting Community Injustice		
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Date Submitted: 6/5/2019	Date Resubmitted:	
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Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	
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WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, 46-year-old George Floyd of Minneapolis, Minnesota died after police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed face down on the street; and

WHEREAS, Derek Chauvin had 18 complaints on his official record, two of which resulted in discipline, including official letters of reprimand; and

WHEREAS, Floyd's death caused outrage across the United States, Wisconsin, and Kenosha County; and

WHEREAS, community outrage lead to peaceful protests against excessive force by police officers and lack of police accountability; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Kenosha County recognize the need for law enforcement reform and accountability; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 108 established uniform regulations and guidelines for the use, maintenance, and storage of law enforcement body-worn cameras and was supported by numerous groups from the media, legal community, and law enforcement including Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, and Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association;

WHEREAS, the ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police existence, actions, behavior and the ability of the police to secure and maintain public respect; and

WHEREAS, the use of body cameras has shown an increase in accountability by law enforcement and a decrease in violence against law enforcement and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, the May 2015 final report President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommends law enforcement agencies utilize body-worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, a 2016 study found 89% of Americans support body worn cameras by police; and

WHEREAS, as of 2015 95% of large cities reported they were either already using or soon to be using body worn cameras by police; and

WHEREAS, the Federal 1033 Program allows excess military equipment to be available to law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies also obtain military-style equipment through direct purchase or through grants; and

WHEREAS, some believe that receiving military equipment from the federal government has lead to the militarization of local law enforcement agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs the finance department and sheriff's department to utilize 2020 Budget bonded funds allocated for deputy patrol vehicles to purchase body-worn cameras and the needed storage and ancillary equipment for Kenosha County Sheriff Deputies, or if funds have already been spent from the 2020 Budget, to re-allocate 2021 CIP funds proposed for patrol vehicles to body-worn cameras and the needed storage and ancillary equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs the personnel department and Sheriff's Department to create a policy to be approved by the full county board for the use, maintenance and storage of body-cameras and videos including requiring deputies to record video from the time of roll call to the end of shift; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs the personnel department and sheriff's department to create a policy to be approved by the full county board to protect department employees that report incidents of misconduct within the sheriff's department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs the personnel department and Sheriff's Department to create a policy to be approved by the full county board for the independent review of complaints filed against sheriff department personnel including the creation of an independent committee to review complaints and timelines for the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs the sheriff's department to sell or donate any department owned military-style vehicles that have not been used for its intended purpose for more than 2 years.

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