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John W. Mina, Chief of Police 100 South Hughey Avenue Orlando, FL 32801

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Chief Mina:

This letter will certify the strong commitment that the City of Orlando Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge 25 Inc. have made in the implementation of the body-worn camera program.

The FOP recognizes that one current problem facing law enforcement is the critical need for public safety agencies to enhance transparency and accountability and improve police services in an effort to improve interactions with the public. Improving community policing efforts through advancing police technology will help address this need and will continue to build community trust.

Implementing a body-worn camera (BWC) program will assist in reducing complaints of police misconduct assist in deescalating conflicts, reducing the instances of use of force events and reducing injuries to both police officers and citizens. Additionally, the implementation of a body-worn camera program will enhance officer professionalism and advance criminal investigations. Specifically, body-worn cameras provide video documentation of encounters with the public and are critical tools in quickly resolving instances of unfounded complaints against officers. BWC's are also useful training tools and will improve evidence collection for trial. The FOP and OPD will coordinate closely on efforts of implementation, to include the planning and development stage, to include policy development.

Sincerely,

Shawn Dunlap, President

Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25

