RE: Writing in support of Police Chief Chris Sovik’s efforts to institute a body camera policy and encourage the South Lyon Police Department to require police de-escalation trainings

Dear Police Chief Chris Sovik,

As a resident of South Lyon, I take the safety of our community very seriously, a concern I’m sure you share. This is why I am calling on South Lyon Police Department to employ body cameras on all of their officers, and require de-escalation training. Though the cost may seem high, the cost of accountability and respect for human life is priceless.

Body cameras will ensure public protection and law enforcement protection. As the national conversation regarding police brutality resurfaces again, public outrage ensues, and a call for responsibility emerges. Body cameras will not only protect citizens, but protect police officers by giving an unbiased account of any incident.

Additionally, training in de-escalation tactics at every department level will prevent further loss of life. Research indicates such trainings promote the safety of our police forces and the people in the communities they protect.

We, concerned citizens in your community, are relying on your leadership to put into practice these measures which will prevent loss of life and preserve justice.

Sincerely, (Your Name)

South Lyon Resident