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Note to editor: Please see photos of East Providence Police Dept. Body Worn Cameras

## East Providence Police Department deploys body worn cameras

**EAST PROVIDENCE, RI** – The East Providence Police Department announces the deployment of its Body Worn Camera program. The department conducted a pilot program where several cameras were tested by officers and staff. Axon body cameras were chosen and purchased through the Rhode Island Statewide Body Worn Camera Program earlier this year after conducting extensive research into the logistics and future funding of the program.

“The body worn cameras are a tool in modern policing that not only offers protection from false accusations against officers but also helps to document criminal offenses and establishes greater accountability,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said.

The department is committed to establishing a body worn camera program that not only assists officers with their investigations but most importantly strengthens police and community relationships by promoting transparency and accountability within our communities.

“Equipping our men and women with body worn cameras is a milestone we have been working towards for some time now,” Chief Christopher Francesconi said. “This technology will provide an additional level of transparency, accountability and point of view perspective for our community and police officers.

“The cameras will also significantly enhance our evidence gathering capabilities and lead to more efficient investigations,” Francesconi added.

The cameras will be issued to all frontline patrol officers and patrol sergeants, Traffic Division officers, K9 officers, and Community Police officers starting on June 9, 2023. All sworn members of the department will be trained by the middle of June.

Body Worn Camera recordings are subject to the Rhode Island Access to Public Record Act (APRA), Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 38-2. All Requests for public access to a Body Worn Camera recording shall be handled in accordance with state law.

PHOTO: East Providence Police Department Body Worn Cameras

