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Body Camera Pilot Program

Niles, IL – The Niles Police Department has begun a pilot program to evaluate body cameras for use by our officers. Over the next 90-days we will be evaluating body cameras from Axon and Safety Vision. The Niles Police Department will also be evaluating body cameras from Motorola, once an agreement has been signed we will then conduct a 90-day evaluation period on the Motorola body camera system.

Currently deployed on the street are five Axon body cameras and, two Safety Vision's body cameras. The body cameras are being worn by officers in the Patrol Bureau and our Community Assistance Team. The body cameras can capture full 1080 dpi video and work in all lighting situations, including low light.

The evaluation process will include the quality of the video, the ease of use by the officers as well as simplicity of uploading and storage of all video data. In addition, the evaluation will identify the simplicity of audio and video redaction, which is required under Illinois State Statute. That overall evaluation of all systems will be completed after all three systems have completed the 90-day trial period.

The implementation of a body camera pilot program is part of Chief of Police Luis C. Tigera's Crime Prevention Action Initiative for increased transparency and accountability. After the 90-day trial period a recommendation will be made based upon initial cost, long-term expense, ease of use as well as video quality and storage concerns. Once that overall evaluation is complete a recommendation will be made to the Village of Niles Public Safety Committee and ultimately referred to the Village of Niles Board of Trustees for potential purchase.