

South Brunswick has recently contracted with Axon Inc. and purchased Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for each officer. The purchase was financed by capital expenditures and grant funding. It will also include Axon Fleet 3 In-Car Cameras and Conducted Energy Devices (CED), also known as Tasers. The Axon technology ecosystem will synchronize the Body Cameras, Conductive Electrical Devices, and In-Car Cameras into a software suite that will allow efficient curation of footage and digital evidence. This technology investment exceeds the standards set by the New Jersey Attorney General's *Guideline on Body Worn Cameras 2021-5*.

Body Worn Cameras are considered a valuable asset intended to assist law enforcement by producing an audio-video recording of interactions with the public. BWC will provide valuable documentary evidence for solving crimes, ensure transparency, and aid in upholding our professional standards. In accordance with NJ Attorney General's Guideline, officers will also respect areas of privacy and will restrict some recording in private residences, schools, places of worship, healthcare facilities and court.

Citizens will notice the Axon Body 3 BWC in the front of uniformed officers' clothing during citizen encounters. The BWC have high quality audio and visual capabilities, but do not have enhanced audio or video capabilities that capture images or conversations beyond what the officer can see or hear, such as infrared night vision, thermal imaging, or sound amplification.

