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### **Press Release**

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#### **LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE BODY CAMERA PILOT PROJECT LAUNCHED JANUARY 16TH**

The Lower Township Police Department will be rolling out the use of body cameras Friday January 16, 2015 along with Middle Township Police Department. Temporary guidelines have been established during this testing period to allow us to evaluate the use and efficiency of these cameras in the field. The body cameras are manufactured by Taser International and one to two officers per shift will wear these cameras on a rotating basis.

Body cameras have been shown to decrease both use of force complaints as well as citizen complaint against officers in the field.

The goal of this pilot program is to determine which body camera system produces the best video and audio, is easiest to use and holds up best. The program is expected to last 30 to 45 days, at its conclusion a determination will be made on which style of camera the department will recommend to the Township Committee for Capital Request.

Chief of Police William Mastriana stated, "That this technology is going to help improve our services to the community and will impact in a positive way, the way we do our jobs."