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Mead Police outfit all officers with body cameras

January 15, 2021- You might notice something new on the uniforms of the Mead Police. Axon body-worn cameras are now standard issue for the officers of Mead. This past June, legislation was passed that requires all officers to be issued body-worn cameras by 2023. Body-worn cameras are used by law enforcement to record their interactions with the public or gather video evidence at a crime scene.



Our new system allows officers to easily share the evidence with

the District Attorney's Office through a simple link. The storage is cloud based and requires very limited actions by officers. The Axon system also includes the ability to redact videos as required by law. Overall, the new system will save significant amount of officer time and labor, allowing them back on the street, instead of manually redacting and burning DVD's for evidence.

These body-worn cameras allow officers to be fully transparent and accountable to the public. This is a statement to our residents that we are dedicated to being open and honest about our interactions with the community.