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## News Release

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### Body Worn Video Cameras Keeping Ross County Safe

Sheriff Lavender would like to announce to the community that on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 his patrol deputies started wearing Body Worn Video Cameras manufactured by Tazer.

The implementation of these cameras was the result of a nearly two year long process that started with the Sheriff testing different cameras by different manufactures. The cameras from Tazer were chosen for cost effectiveness, ease of use, and dependability.

Sheriff Lavender's mission has always been and continues to be to keep our Ross County Community safe. These Body Worn Video Cameras are an invaluable tool towards that mission. The cost was initially what was slowing the process of implementing the cameras, but the Sheriff's Office was able to receive \$10,000.00 from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. This grant made it possible for the cameras to be purchased with approximately \$2,000.00 coming from the yearly budget.

The Sheriff with assistance from CORSA (County Offices Risk Sharing Authority), Ross County's insurance carrier, established the Policies and Procedures for the cameras. The cameras were placed on Patrol Sergeants approximately 3 months ago for field testing. The cameras were tested by the sergeants to evaluate their effectiveness, and to make sure they were functioning correctly.

The cameras will be an invaluable tool to deputies for the collection and preservation of evidence. The evidence will help in the convictions of criminals that commit crimes in Ross County.