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JSO Receives Department of Justice Grant for Body Worn Cameras

(Jacksonville, FL) – The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will be one of seven “extra-large agencies” in the United States to receive one-time grant money in the amount of \$997,956.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Administration to procure body worn cameras for police, next year.

“To be recognized by the federal government with this award, the largest of any of those in this category at this time, is a testament to the diligent work we are doing in our technical pilot; policy development; and plans for officer training, when we select the best device for our needs,” said Sheriff Mike Williams.

The JSO has planned for three technical pilots, when volunteer officers wear the body worn apparatus from a specific vendor for a trial period. Following a ramp down/ramp up transition period, a different vendor's apparatus is distributed to the officers for another technical trial. Next month the second of three planned testing periods will begin.

It is anticipated that all the technical testing will be complete and the results evaluated by late spring 2018, when the specifications are determined and the bid process begins. The agency continuously monitors the evolving police worn body camera marketplace, as technology changes in this arena are very dynamic.

The grant money will be applied toward the first round of purchases, as the agency works to begin its incremental acquisition of cameras and training of JSO's 1750+ sworn police officers in late 2018.

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