

## **Body Worn Camera Program**

The Mountainside Police Department is pleased to report the implementation of body cameras to its existing list of cutting edge technology. All officers assigned to the patrol division have been equipped with a Taser Axon Body Worn Camera.

The Mountainside Police Department's use of Body Worn Video Camera technology will provide value in enhancing officer safety, reduction of liability, assist with prosecution and case resolution, and further promote professionalism and accountability.

The TASER AXON body camera is an ultra-durable on-officer camera designed to balance both simplicity and performance. The AXON camera has a 130-degree wide-angle lens, multiple on-body mounting options, a full shift buffer, and the easy deployment allows a single button solution to recording digital evidence. The video will automatically upload to EVIDENCE.com, a cloud-based storage and management system, where it can be easily accessed for review. An end-user cannot tamper with video files stored online or on AXON video camera. The cameras record a continuous 30-second loop, so when an officer activates the device while interacting with the public, images of what occurred immediately prior to the contact will be available.

Chief Allan Attanasio believes that in the current culture virtually every citizen has a video capable smart-phone and it's imperative that we are capturing events from the beginning of our police encounter until the end. The cameras will pay a huge dividend in reducing litigation while increasing officer efficiency. The cameras will protect our agency from frivolous allegations, allow us to capture the events in real-time as they unfold and prevent expensive and time-consuming lawsuits.

