

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Body Cameras

Question (from Clinton County):

My PJ is interested in implementing body cameras for my department and wanted me to inquire whether any other counties are considering or have already implemented body cameras for their department?

Act 22 of 2017 -adopted July 7, 2017 (effective on September 5, 2017). Chapter 67A which specifically talks about Recordings by Law Enforcement Officers.

§ 67A01 which defines "Law enforcement officer" as: An officer of the United States, the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof, another state or political subdivision thereof or who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of or to make arrests for offenses enumerated in this chapter or an equivalent crime in another jurisdiction, a sheriff or deputy sheriff and any attorney authorized by law to prosecute or participate in the prosecution of the offense.

The statute does not clearly list a probation officer in the definition of a law enforcement officer but my PJ believes that it would cover us.

Adams County

Has not currently had discussion on this matter

Allegheny County

Does not use body cams and has no plans to do so.

Berks County

Not being considered in Berks.

Blair County

Same in Blair as the rest...

Bradford County

Does not use body cameras and there has been no discussion on them.

Bucks County

We have an armed Arrest/Search Team in Bucks County but there have been no discussions about body cameras.

Cambria County

Does not use body cameras and there are no plans to.

Carbon County

Does not wear and there has been no discussions

Columbia County

Was highly advised by our solicitor to look into the utilization of body cams. We did begin with a quote from AXION when we purchased our tasers but didn't follow through as of this time.

Dauphin County

Does not have them and does not plan to use them

Delaware County

Same as Montco (Not armedno cameras.)

Erie County

Erie does not use body cameras nor have there been any discussions regarding using them.

Fayette County

Not used and no plans to do so. Opinion here is that we are not Law Enforcement by definition therefore this does not apply.

Franklin County

Looked at them last year. We were planning on using them on arrests. We had the same questions about if PO's qualified. At this point I think we will wait to see how things pan out.

Indiana County

The same as the other respondents.

Lackawanna County

Is not interested in the use of body cameras at this point.

Lancaster County

Does not nor have we considered using them.

Lawrence County

Does not use them and there has not been any discussion on the topic.

Lebanon County

Ditto to April, Paul and Jim.

Lehigh County

Does not and there has been no discussion about it.

Luzerne County

There has been no serious discussion of body cameras in Luzerne County, but I can understand the Clinton County PJ's interest, due to liability concerns with regards to county issued firearms.

Lycoming County

Does not use body camera's and there has been no discussion.

Mifflin County

No plans to use in Mifflin County

Montgomery County

Not armedno cameras.

Northampton County

Does not have cameras and has no intention of using cameras.

Northumberland County

Does not have body cameras and there has been no discussion of using them.

Pike County

No cameras in Pike.

Schuylkill County

Does not have body cameras and there has been no discussion on using them.

Snyder County

We do not use body cameras but will likely install cameras in the event a PREA issue arises.

Wayne County

Does not nor is entertaining doing so.

Westmoreland County

Does not have body cameras and there is no plan for them.

York County

York County does not nor do I have any plans for using them.