

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN USING BODY WORN CAMERAS (BWC'S)**



Using Grant funds from the State of New Jersey, supplemented by the Borough of Stratford, the Stratford Police Department will begin implementing the use of Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWC's) around June 2021. The police department and borough officials believe that the use of body worn cameras will provide an additional level of safety and security for the public and to our police officers.

The use of Body Worn Cameras will also result in the following benefits:

- Document objective evidence of what took place during a police-citizen encounter.
- Discourage all parties from engaging in inappropriate conduct.
- Discourage anyone from offering false information.
- Clearly document the discovery and recovery of all forms of evidence.
- Capturing the physical appearance, language and acts of suspects.
- Documenting witness and suspect statements on scene, as events unfold.
- Use of Body Worn Cameras will supplement traditional police reports.

The use of Body Worn Cameras is regulated by guidelines of the New Jersey Attorney General, State Statute and Stratford Police Department Policies. Laws regarding public access and release of these records are governed by the NJ Open Public Records Act (OPRA)

Questions or feedback regarding the BWC program rollout may be directed to [RMorello@StratfordPD.org](mailto:RMorello@StratfordPD.org)

