The Livermore Police Department is proud to announce that effective April 13, 2015, all LPD Officers will be equipped with body worn cameras. After 14 months of research, testing and evaluation, our body worn camera program has begun.

The process of bringing body worn cameras to LPD began in February 2014. The process included evaluating costs, storage of videos, and a body worn camera policy. From May 2014 to July 2014, several officers were selected to test and evaluate several different body worn camera systems. Based on the testing and evaluation process, LPD selected the body worn camera system made by Taser International. This decision was made in July of 2014 and efforts then focused on creating policies and procedures to support the implementation and use of the body worn camera systems.

In November 2014, a proposal was submitted to, and approved by, the Livermore City Council for the purchase and implementation of the body worn cameras for every LPD Officer. Since the approval, LPD officials worked on the implementation process of the body worn cameras. In early April 2015, Taser International came to LPD and over a three day period trained all of the officers on the use of the body worn cameras.

The implementation of the body worn cameras will allow LPD Officers to document incidents and interactions and obtain evidence during investigations. Additionally, the Department will be able to review the video footage to debrief critical incidents and use the camera footage as a training tool to keep officers well trained and prepared.

LPD is proud of how our officers provide service, and that was one of the leading reasons for why we wanted to explore and ultimately implement the body worn cameras. We are proud of our officers’ professionalism and unafraid to record their everyday activity. LPD strives to be a leader in the profession and a leader in innovation and best practices. Body worn cameras will allow our agency to stay on the cutting edge of technology and provide quality service to the citizens of Livermore.

The Livermore Police Department is cognizant of the privacy concerns of our community members. Our officers have been trained regarding the recording of victims of crimes. Victims can request the video camera be turned off and the investigating officers will honor that request. All releases of videos will be in compliance with the Public Records Act.