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Press Release

Local Law Enforcement Grant Award

Jenkintown Borough Police Department was notified on December 15, 2022 that it will receive a grant award in the amount of \$267,664.00 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The grant is to fund the purchase of body worn cameras, in-car video cameras, other technology, and upgrade the current report management system to be compliant with the National Incident Based Reporting System. This grant will be coupled with a Body Worn Camera matching grant that was secured earlier in the year from the PCCD for \$28,000.00.

Jenkintown Borough has suffered a great deal as a result of the COVID pandemic and other financial shortfalls. This grant will upgrade the Jenkintown Police Department's technology with the newest integrated body worn cameras and in-car video systems. This upgrade in technology will improve the professional policing and transparency that is expected by communities from our region. Functioning under the 21st Century Policing Model, Jenkintown will now have the capability of video documentation of incidents and crimes being committed in our region, while also holding all officers accountable to the tenets of fairness and impartiality. Jenkintown will be purchasing the Axon body camera and in-car video system.

As part of the funding, the Department will be able to integrate virtual reality training as part of this technology. The Department will also prepare its future by moving forward with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) that will be mandatory in Pennsylvania. NIBRS was developed with the emphasis of more detailed data collection to analyze crimes, crime trends, use of force incidents, and victim analysis. It was developed to have a more accurate count of all crimes being committed in communities. Technology and statistical analysis are the new norm with professional policing agencies. The upgrade in technology and reporting statistics will improve the overall policing strategies and officer performance in Jenkintown. Jenkintown Police Department is hoping to have the body cameras in service during the first quarter of 2023.