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Sheriff's officers using new body cameras

The Kingman County Sheriff's Office has issued body cameras, also known as body cams, to all its officers. The body cams have been in service since the first of May.

The cameras, which can be mounted on the officer's lapel, shirt or glasses, will record interactions with the public during the officer's shift. Each camera can be turned on or off by the officer in compliance with department policy and to protect a victim's privacy.

The cameras are part of an effort to increase transparency and to support the important relationship between citizens and sheriff's officers," said Sheriff Randy Hill.

Hill said the Sheriff's Office has used vehicle cameras on traffic stops for approximately 10 years and has found the video and audio produced to be very useful in documenting those stops. Body cameras will provide video from the officer's perspective.

The Sheriff's Office researched the addition of body cameras for the past two years. The cameras purchased are from Digital Ally, a Kansas-based company. The vehicle cameras also were updated and now have higher video quality and will work with the body cams.

All officers have been trained on the operation of the equipment and on the policy that dictates when the cameras are to be used. Daily meetings and interactions with the public may not be recorded. When the officers are making contact in an official capacity, the cameras will be activated.

The Sheriff's Office looks forward to the use of the body cameras as a positive reinforcement of professional service to the community.

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