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Title: Tri State Enforcement Regional Authority considers upgrading Body Worn Cameras to Taser Axon 3.

12-20-2019 - Tri State Enforcement Regional Authority is exploring options to upgrade the Body Worn Cameras issued to its officers. On October 1, 2019, a three-officer panel was assembled to conduct research and provide guidance to with respect to upgrades to Body Worn Cameras issued to officers. The panel has recommended that Tri State Enforcement Regional Authority (TSE) acquire and equip its officers with the Axon Body 3 device, manufactured by Taser International.

TSE was one of the first-ever agencies in West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to issue Body Worn Cameras to officers. The original panel assembled with the task of implementing the program ultimately selected two models from manufacturer Transcend, after two years of in-field testing of Body Worn Cameras from five different manufacturers. With the ever-growing need for accountability and transparency, the current panel concluded the Axon 3 was able to meet or exceed all benchmarks established for consideration. It is worth noting however that the Axon 2, also manufactured by Taser International, is the second-choice of the panel; where it too was able to meet or exceed all benchmarks established for consideration.

The need to re-assess and reconsider the chosen Body Worn Camera comes from the advancement of technology and capabilities, not from failures of current devices used by TSE officers. Mark Williams, Technical Advisor, said "Technology roughly doubles every year or so, so when Transcend is not keeping up by offering competitive and upgraded features, there is no choice but to reconsider. TSE absolutely owes it to their partners, clients, communities, and prosecutors, to be as transparent and accountable as possible. The Body Worn Cameras issued to agency personnel is the primary tool to accomplish that."

About Tri State Enforcement Regional Authority (TSE)

TSE is a privately held regional authority which supplies protective security, special police, and public safety services throughout the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

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