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Representative Smola Announces Funding for Police Body Cameras

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the several local police departments have been awarded funds to implement body-worn camera (BWC) programs. As part of the program, Sturbridge will receive \$44,430; Ware will receive \$25,405; and Warren will receive \$31,555.

“Our local police departments do an incredible job serving our community and these new body cameras will help them continue to provide these critical services,” said Representative Smola.

This competitive grant program is being administered through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. 64 municipal police departments have been chosen to receive funds totaling \$4,072,412. These 64 departments will purchase a total of 2,859 BWCs; equipping approximately 3,634 law enforcement officials statewide. The purpose of funding is to improve public safety; enhance community-police relations; foster better accountability for the actions of police personnel; deter inappropriate conduct by police officers and members of the public; capture digital audio-video evidence for criminal, civil and traffic related court cases.

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