



# The City of REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS

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### Revere Police Department Launches Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program

Revere, MA — The Revere Police Department will begin a body-worn camera pilot program in the coming days, with six officers assigned to test and evaluate the new technology. The pilot program is the first step toward a full Department-wide rollout expected by the summer.

“This initiative highlights our commitment to modernizing the Revere Police Department through advanced technology. These body worn cameras go beyond what is typically worn by police officers. Our body worn cameras will offer real time translation capability to help our officers communicate with members of the public - bridging language barriers in seconds. These cameras can automatically detect over 50 languages and will translate not only what the person is saying to the officer, but will then translate the officer’s response back into that language. This feature will enhance both officer safety and the safety of the public.” – Chief Maria A. LaVita.

This initiative is supported by a \$200,000 State Grant (funded through the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program). In addition, State Representative Jessica Giannino secured an extra \$25,000 in funding for the Department through a legislative earmark.

Body-worn cameras are intended to enhance transparency, strengthen accountability and support effective policing in the community. “The implementation of Body Cameras is another step in highlighting transparency and standards of accountability in our Public Safety teams. These cameras can help maintain trust between police and the communities they serve” - Mayor Patrick M. Keefe, Jr.

The Department will use feedback from the pilot program to guide training and assist with full implementation.

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