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THE SMALL RURAL TRIBAL BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

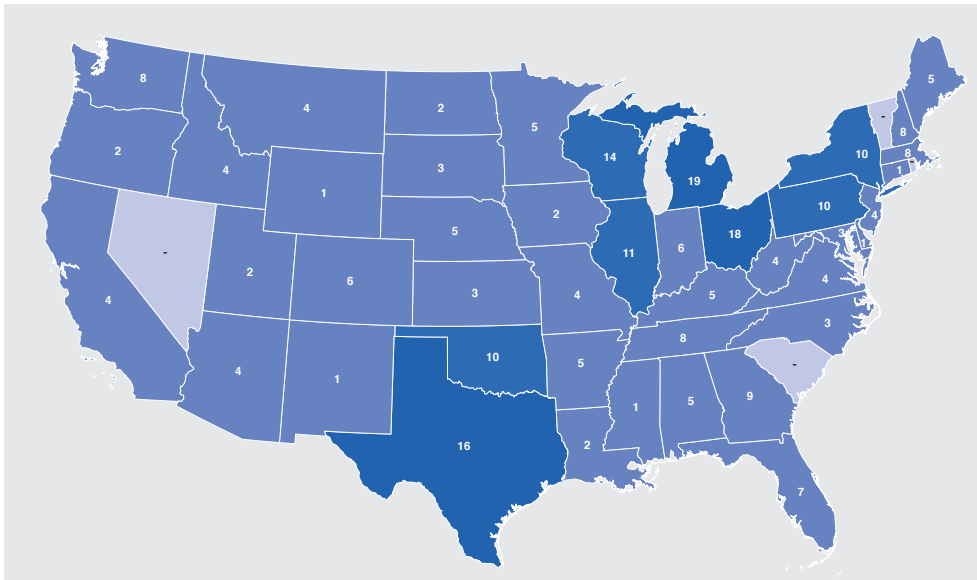
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Welcome to the Small, Rural, and Tribal (SRT) body-worn camera newsletter.

This bi-monthly bulletin is designed for grant awardees, grant applicants, and others interested in body-worn cameras. Its primary purpose is to provide the reader with timely and useful information in brief and concise ways.



BJA provides \$7.6 Million for Body-Worn Cameras

On December 29, 2021, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS) announced grant awards for 258 jurisdictions across the country. Over \$7.6 million was awarded to 198 small towns, 49 rural sheriff's offices and county police, three tribes, and eight other agencies. Grants were provided to agencies in 44 states and Guam (see the map).

BJA's Acting Director Kristen Mahoney said that "this grant program made it easier for small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies to apply for grant funding. We received almost 1,000 grant applications, a clear indication that these

agencies wanted a streamlined grant process. This serves as an example for us going forward."

Dr. Shellie Solomon, the JSS project director who oversees, manages and develops the SRT BWC program said that "awardees will purchase 5,605 body-worn cameras that will enhance public safety for officers and citizens. They will also assist in increasing accountability and trust-building within communities."

A downloadable list of grant awardees is available at www.srtbwc.com

Policy Wizard Now Available

The development and creation of a BWC policy is an important aspect of any BWC program. JSS announced this week that the SRT Policy Wizard, an easy-to-navigate software tool, is available at www.srtbwc.com/policywizard. Dr. Shellie Solomon of JSS and Dr. Mike White of ASU (with support from JSS and ASU staff) created and designed the tool specifically for SRT grantees. Dr. White said "A robust BWC policy is a critical foundation for any BWC program. This tool provides the means to build that policy while giving agencies flexibility in doing so." Dr. Solomon said "the Policy Wizard is similar to TurboTax because it allows an agency to pick and choose elements of the policy while ensuring that it meets national standards for BWC policies."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar on Policy Review Process
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