# INSIGHTS

THE SMALL RURAL TRIBAL BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Picture above: Sheriff Martin, Chief Kochan, Chief Seifert, Dr. Solomon, and Mr. Markovic

# The SRT Program in Review: Highlights from 2023

## **Funding**

In 2023, the SRT Body-Worn Camera program funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provided grants to 268 jurisdictions for \$7.2 million across 45 states. As administrators of the program, Justice & Security Strategies (JSS) received 641 on-line applications. This meant that we provided funding to nearly 42% of those that applied. Applications for 2024 are available now, with a due date of March 4, 2024.

We also updated our <u>website</u>, convened a three-part webinar series on *Prosecutor Guidelines*, sent out nine newsletters, and used the <u>Policy Wizard</u> to assist over 150 agencies to create their own BWC policies. We reimbursed over \$5 million in grant funds to approximately 91 micro-grantees.

## The Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

This year's IACP Conference, held in San Diego, CA included an SRT BWC panel. Dr. Shellie Solomon, SRT Executive Project Director, and BJA's Mr. John Markovic, facilitated a panel highlighting the experiences of three SRT-BWC micro-grantees. Sheriff William Martin, Bourbon County (KS), Chief Jordan Kochan, Niskayuna Police Department (NY), and Chief Sara Seifert, Truman State University (MO) provided their unique and insightful perspectives about why they were using BWCs, how they obtained internal and external support for the implementation process, and what their future plans included.

#### **Apply Now!**

Grant funding is available for Small, Rural, and Tribal Agencies. Deadline is March 4, 2024

#### Apply HERE

Please hit the "submit" button to ensure that we receive your application.



#### Ask Bob and Mike

The SRT program created two blogs to answer questions about BWCs. "Ask Bob" features Commissioner Bob Haas (ret. Cambridge Police Department) and "Ask Mike" features Mike Green, former prosecutor in Monroe County, NY and Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Criminal Justice Services in New York State.

Send questions to Bob **HERE**Send questions to Mike **HERE** 









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