

Subject: Howard County Announces Implementation of Body Worn Cameras in Fiscal Year 2022

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Please reference the announcement by County Executive Ball regarding the Implementation of Body Worn Cameras in Fiscal Year 2022 -

- <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/ArticleID/2346/News032421>. We, the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA are very pleased as we are very much in favor of this Action.

I am delighted to share with you the contents of an email on Wed 3/24/2021 7:33 PM received from Ted Stewart who is a member of the Police Accountability Task Force of Howard County.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President

Hi Stu... The County Executive announced today that Howard County will be prioritizing roughly \$3.2M in funding for full implementation of a Body Worn Camera program (“BWC Program”) in FY 22.

As I indicated during Dr. Ball’s press conference, we continue to advocate for a full, final and comprehensive implementation of the BWC Program without delay, and that we are supported in this by a group of highly engaged citizens and community organizations who are concerned about public safety in Howard County. This, of course, includes the Howard County Citizens Association and we believe it is the energy, action and commitment of your organization and others that have made the difference and brought about this positive development.

We expect to secure more details in the ensuing days and will certainly wish to review the County’s BWC Program proposal with you and the other community organizations that have supported our initiative. We remain fully committed to our continuing engagement with County leadership to fulfill the goal of implementing a best-in-class Body Worn Camera Program for our County’s law enforcement personnel.

We know that we all still have a lot of work to do, and that a long road still lies ahead. But, failure here is not an option – the health and safety of all our County’s citizens demand no less than the full, final and comprehensive implementation of the Body Worn Camera Program without any further delay.

But for now, let’s pause and acknowledge the good progress that today’s announcement represents. On behalf of the Police Accountability Task Force of HoCo’s steering committee... Congratulations and sincere thanks for all that you and your organization have done and will do in support of the implementation of a BWC Program in Howard County.

All the best... Ted Stewart

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