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Brea Police Department to Deploy WatchGuard Body-Worn and In-Car Camera System

Brea, Calif. –The Brea Police Department will deploy a comprehensive body-worn camera, in-car camera, and digital evidence management system effective Monday, October 25, 2021. This technology comes to the Department after several years of significant research and a multi-departmental implementation effort involving police, information technology, and finance personnel – with the support of Brea City Manager Bill Gallardo and the Brea City Council.

Body-worn cameras, in conjunction with synchronized in-car camera footage, will enhance transparency, facilitate officer training, and automate many record-keeping processes. In addition, the digital evidence management system communicates directly with the Department's CAD/RMS systems, and the redaction software offers automated technology that was previously not available.

“I am excited to deploy this outstanding technology for our employees and community benefit,” said Police Chief Adam Hawley. “These new cameras will provide important evidence to the courts, present a new medium for advanced officer training, and enhance transparency. I am very proud of the hard work by all those involved in making this project a reality, and appreciate the support of the City Council, City Manager, and the various City departments.”

The Brea Police Department is committed to constant innovation and safety enhancement through smart, empathetic, and responsive policing in partnership with the community. Body-worn cameras will enhance the Department's level of service and aid in meeting the Brea community's evolving needs.

For additional information on these systems or the Brea Police Department body-worn camera policy, please contact Lieutenant Harvey.

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