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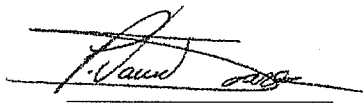
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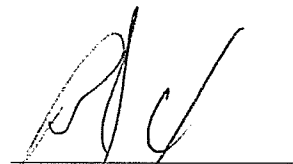
MEMORANDUM

Memorandum of Understanding
By and between the Albany County District Attorney's Office and the City of Albany Police
Department

We the undersigned are submitting a Memorandum of Understanding as a collaborative effort. We are committed to Body Worn Camera Implementation in the City of Albany and aim to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies through the use of technology and best practices. The Office of the Albany County District Attorney and the City of Albany Police Department will:

- Assist in developing policy and procedures for the Implementation of a Body Worn Camera Initiative in the Albany Police Department to continue to build legitimacy within the community;
- Work collaboratively to develop policies and practices to address the issues of technology usage, evidence acquisition, data storage, retention and transfer.
- Participate in a collaborative manner with identified stakeholders for the implementation and deployment of Body Worn Cameras;
- Integrate Body Worn Camera Footage into current E-Discovery initiative;
- Provide appropriate personnel and resources based upon assessments of program successes and outcomes; and
- Assist in replicating program successes across New York State through continued information sharing with all District Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies.


David Soares
District Attorney


Brendan Cox
Chief of Police

Council Member Golby, Applrys, Bailey, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay and O'Brien with the support of Council President McLaughlin introduced the following:

Resolution Number 39.62.15R(MC)

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FISCAL YEAR 2015 COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR A BODY-WORN CAMERA PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Albany Police Department is submitting an application to the Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Common Council recognizes the value of body camera systems while understanding the complexities of issues such as personal privacy and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, this program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments the Albany Police Department has already achieved by implementing community policing strategies and improving police legitimacy and transparency; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to working collaboratively with partners in the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, the Albany County District Attorney's Office and other community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcement's interactions with the public; and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the Council and numerous other stakeholders to assist the police department in development and implementation of policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, this grant will also provide for public input into the process of developing and implementing procedures; and

WHEREAS, our continued collaborative initiatives will enhance the on-going efforts to make the City of Albany the safest community in America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany Common Council expresses support for the Albany Police Department's application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

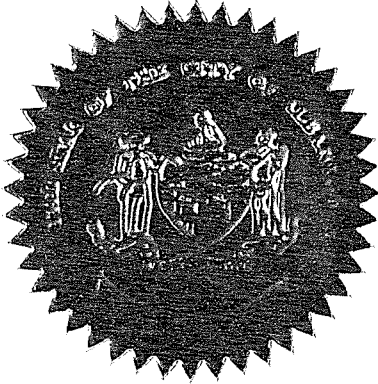
Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative – Applrys, Bailey, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Flynn, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, O'Brien and Robinson

Negative – Commisso

Abstain – Krasher

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I, Nala Woodard, City Clerk and Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that Resolution Number 39.62.15R (MC) was passed at a meeting of the Albany Common Council on June 15th, 2015.

In Affirmation thereof, I hereto set my hand and affix The Seal of the City of Albany this 16th day of June 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nala Woodard', is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk of the Common Council



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June 11, 2015

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RE: Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application

Dear Chief Cox:

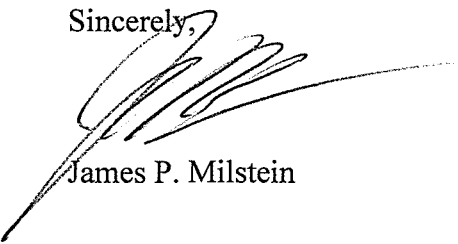
I am writing to express my support and active participation in your application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

We are excited to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcements interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments your department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

The Albany County Public Defender's Office has collaborated with the Albany Police Department in its initiative to create a Law Enforcement Diversion Program (LEAD Program). This collaboration will help benefit individuals who would otherwise be arrested by diverting them into substance abuse or mental health treatment programs in lieu of incarceration.

James Milstein, the Albany County Public Defender and one Assistant Public Defender will be assigned to the project to ensure that the use of body cameras are made with the goal of protecting the rights of clients who are accused of committing crimes. Our office regularly represents clients who allege that their persons were unlawfully detained, searched, seized or arrested. Frequently these cases hinge upon the credibility of a police officer. The use of body cameras will help instill confidence and integrity in the criminal justice system. Body cameras would strengthen public confidence in the authorities, improve compliance with the rule of law, and promote the fairness, integrity and public reputation of the criminal justice system.

Sincerely,



James P. Milstein



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June 15, 2015

RE: Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application

Dear Chief Cox:

I am writing to express my support, and active participation in your application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Pilot Implementation Program.

We are excited to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcements interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments your department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

The Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center (ACCVSVC) will assist Albany Police Department in their efforts to develop a BWC program. Our agencies specific role will be to provide support in the development and implementation of appropriate privacy policies that will address Albany Police Department's BWC program issues involving: legal liabilities of release of information, civil rights, domestic violence, juveniles, and victims' groups.

Secondly, ACCVSVC will aid Albany Police Department's communication strategy to engage and inform Albany's community about Albany Police Department's BWC program as part of a larger initiative to improve transparency and accountability in encounters between Albany County Police and the community. Bernard Amador, Ph.D. will act as liaison between ACCVSVC and Albany Police Department's BWC Program. Dr. Amador currently is the Supervising Crime

Victim Caseworker of our agency and has over ten years of experience in the victim services field. He served on the Advisory Counsel to the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) between September 2008 and June 2011 as acting liaison between OVS and the New York Northeastern New York Coalition for Crime Victims.

The mission of the ACCVSVC is to provide direct and comprehensive services to all victims of sexual assault and other crimes of personal violence and to change, through community mobilization, prevention education, and bystander engagement, societal conditions that allow oppression to exist. Through training opportunities provided, agency staff (crime victim caseworkers, therapist, rape crisis coordinator, and prevention educator) will gain a body of knowledge regarding Albany Police Department's BWC program and be well equip to help in their efforts to educate individual victims, their families and the general Albany County community.

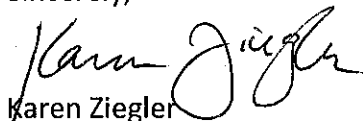
In addition, throughout the year ACCVSVC participates in a great number of outreach events in partnership with Albany's community; for example, tabling's and group presentations. These events will easily lend themselves to the goal of Albany Police Department's BWC program by helping to facilitate and promote understanding of Albany Police Department's BWC program and gain community buy-in.

We have collaborated previously with the Albany Police Department on a number of projects, the most recent being our contract with Albany Police Department's Trauma Response Team under the Operation Give Grant to provide support services for victims, witnesses, family members and the community.

I look forward to continued inter-agency collaboration with our fellow partners in hopes to improve community policing strategies, police legitimacy, transparency, and law enforcements interactions with the public.

Please call or email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Ziegler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ziegler".

Karen Ziegler
Director

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June 11, 2015

RE: Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application

Dear Chief Cox:

I am writing to express my full support, and active participation in your application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

We are very pleased to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcements interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as a vital tool to enhance the many accomplishments your department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

As Executive Director of The Legal Project, I will contribute my time and experience to this important initiative. As you know from our previous collaborations, I have had significant experience working with law enforcement agencies, including Albany Police Department, in the development of policy, protocols and implementation strategies, including your department's initial domestic violence policy in the late 1980's. Since that time, I have worked with your department in the development of training programs and specialized policies on officer-involved domestic violence, as well as the implementation of the Domestic Violence Court in Albany, NY. In my close to 18 years with the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, and 12 years at The Legal Project, I have worked with over 5,000 law enforcement personnel across the state.

We enthusiastically support this extremely important program and will do all that we can to contribute to its successful implementation.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Frisch
Executive Director

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June 15, 2015

RE: Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application

Dear Chief,

I am writing to express the Albany Police Officers Union's interest and active participation in your application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

We are willing to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcements interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments your department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

Thank You for including the Albany Police Officers Union in this process.

Respectfully Yours,

Kevin Flynn

President, Albany Police Officers Union



Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

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Executive Director

June 16, 2015

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RE: Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015
Competitive Grant Application Letter of Support

Dear Chief Cox:

I am writing to express my support, and active participation in your application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

We are excited to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcements interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments your department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

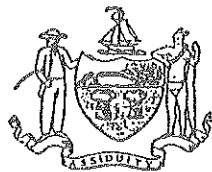
The Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) will provide guidance and direction in the development and implementation of body worn camera policies surrounding the response to domestic violence. This will include privacy and sensitivity issues regarding victims and their safety, as well as evidence-based prosecution strategies that can enhance offender accountability.

Bob Passonno, OPDV Program Administrator, Criminal Justice Training Programs, will be assigned to this project. For more than 15 years, Bob has worked collaboratively with the Albany Police Department and other community partners on issues such as developing the departmental domestic violence policy and training its police supervisory and command staff. This letter confirms that Bob will continue to provide such support in the development and implementation of the Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

Sincerely,

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Gwen Wright
Executive Director



CITY OF ALBANY CITIZENS' POLICE REVIEW BOARD

June 16, 2015

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RE: Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application

Dear Chief Cox:

As Chairman of the Albany Citizens' Police Review Board (CPRB), I am pleased to express my support, and active participation in, your application for the U.S. Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

We are excited to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcement's interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments your department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

The Albany Citizens' Police Review Board will collaboratively work with the Albany Police Department on this initiative. Secretary Mickey Bradley, the CPRB Police Department Liaison, will be available to provide feedback in this capacity.

On behalf of the Albany CPRB, I offer our full support of your application.

Best regards,

Reverend Edward B. Smart
Chairman



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June 16, 2015

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RE: Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Application

Dear Chief Cox:

On behalf of the Albany Law School Government Law Center, I am writing to express our strong support, and active participation in, your application for the U.S. Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

We are excited to work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcement's interactions with the public. This program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments your Department has already achieved in your community policing strategies while improving police legitimacy and transparency.

The Albany Law School Government Law Center will assign Maureen Obie, Interim Coordinator for the Albany Citizen's Police Review Board, to this initiative. Ms. Obie coordinates the daily oversight of Citizen Complaint Forms and the subsequent review of complaints by the Board. Ms. Obie has completed the Albany Citizens Police Academy, and was appointed as a Schenectady County Human Rights Commissioner in January 2014.

Thank you for offering us an opportunity to partner with you on this worthwhile initiative.

Best regards,

Ray Brescia
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June 16, 2015

Dear Chief Cox:

As Executive Director of the Center for Law and Justice, a community-based organization founded in 1985 that seeks the fair and just treatment of all people throughout the criminal justice system, and works to reduce reliance upon incarceration, I am writing to express my agency's strong support for the Albany Police Department's Department of Justice 2015 Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

As an advocacy agency, we are acutely aware of some of the misgivings expressed by some regarding the use of Body Worn Cameras on police officers. We understand, however, that the program supported by this funding will implement appropriate privacy policies that address Body Worn Camera issues involving legal liabilities of release of information, civil rights, domestic violence, juveniles, and victims' groups. Also, the program will implement operational procedures and tracking mechanisms that address the use, review, access, storage, retention, redaction, and expungement of digital voice and audio evidence.

We are excited to again work collaboratively with the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, members of the Albany Common Council, The Albany County District Attorney's Office and our fellow community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcement interactions with the public. The Center for Law and Justice has enjoyed our collaborative relationship with the APD, most recently on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) project. I am looking forward to personally representing our organization in this Body Worn Camera Pilot program.

Sincerely,

Alice P. Green, Executive Director
The Center for Law and Justice, Inc.