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## **COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLO ANNOUNCES DEPLOYMENT OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM**

*Body-Worn Cameras Activate March 2*

**MONROE COUNTY, NY** — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the deployment of body-worn cameras (BWCs) for all Monroe County probation officers, marking a significant step forward in strengthening transparency, accountability, and safety for officers, clients, and the entire community. Beginning today, March 2, all Monroe County probation officers are required to wear BWCs while in the field.

“Although probation officers serve a distinct role in advancing public safety, they confront many of the same risks and unpredictable challenges as their law enforcement counterparts,” **said County Executive Adam Bello**. “Equipping them with body-worn cameras adds a critical layer of protection and accountability. Ensuring that interactions are documented strengthens transparency with the public and enhances our ability to make improvements and deliver focused training back to the department. This investment not only safeguards our officers, but reinforces our commitment to a safer, more effective probation process for the communities we serve.”

The use of BWCs will enhance officer safety during field visits, provide an objective record of client interactions, and support best practices in community supervision. The initiative reflects County Executive Bello’s ongoing commitment to enhancing public safety tools and resources, and improving public trust within the justice system.

“Probation officers do challenging and often unpredictable work every day to help keep our community safe,” **said Monroe County Public Safety Director Richard Tantalo**. “Body-worn cameras provide an additional layer of protection for officers while also reinforcing transparency and accountability for everyone involved.”

The BWCs will be used in accordance with established policies that prioritize privacy, data security, and appropriate use. Each officer has received comprehensive training on camera operation, activation protocols, and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

“I was proud to support this body-worn camera initiative as it protects our probation officers and those they serve while also strengthening public trust. It is important we show Monroe County residents they can feel safe interacting with the institutions meant to help them,” **said Legislator Dave Long, Chair of the Public Safety Committee**.

“Probation officers are on the front lines every day, holding offenders accountable and protecting our neighborhoods, often in unpredictable and dangerous situations,” **said Legislator Paul Dondorfer**. “Body-worn cameras are a commonsense tool that backs up our officers, strengthens transparency, and reinforces law and order. This investment makes clear that Monroe County stands firmly with those who put their safety on the line to keep our community safe.”

Monroe County Probation Department is the third largest law enforcement agency in the county with nearly 150 sworn officers. All of the officers completed BWC training following an extensive beta test that occurred in late 2025. The BWC program was part of an overwhelming bipartisan passage of the \$1.5 billion 2026 County budget.

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