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CIS MEMBERS CAN RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON STATE-OF-THE-ART BODY CAMERAS

CIS has partnered with Utility Associates, Inc. — makers of the innovative BodyWorn camera system — to offer its members discounted pricing on body camera equipment and video storage. Members can also receive two free uniforms for each officer who is equipped with a BodyWorn camera. CIS members that have liability coverage can contact Utility to receive the discount, but must mention that they are CIS members.

Utility was chosen for the group-purchase program through a CIS-issued RFP. The company was the unanimous choice of a bid review committee that included local law enforcement leaders.

BodyWorn is considered the smartest police body camera in the world because it has automatic policy-based recording triggers, officer-down alerts, smart video offload, gunshot detection and more. The innovative camera incorporates GPS, motion sensors, real-time communications, live video streaming and artificial intelligence to better meet the needs of today's law enforcement officer. All the recorded video is stored in Utility's CJIS-compliant, cloud-based evidence management system, reducing the IT burdens on the agency.

"The main issue with a typical body camera is that officers have to manually activate their cameras during highly-stressful situations," said CIS' Chief Information Officer Mark Snodgrass. "What's worse, old-style cameras were clipped on so they could get knocked off, rendering them useless."

BodyWorn's patented, secure uniform mount was a key factor in the decision process.

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Multiple uniform options in a variety of colors available.

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"Each uniform has the camera integrated into it," said Snodgrass. "By using smart technology, the system automatically activates and records in response to several triggers."

For example, BodyWorn can identify if there's a gunshot, if an officer is down, or if an officer is involved in an altercation. Each event automatically activates a recording and then sends an alert to central dispatch with the exact GPS coordinates of the officer's location — and an alert to surrounding officers to provide back-up or potentially life-saving support.

"It's important today that body-worn cameras capture critical video," said Snodgrass. "This system will help Oregon's law enforcement officers as they protect and serve the public."

For pricing and purchase information, cities and counties with CIS Liability coverage can visit the body camera system page on the CIS website at <https://www.cisoregon.org/bodycams>.

Body Camera Grant

When you purchase a body camera through Utility, you can receive a \$1,000 grant from CIS. This is a one-time reimbursable grant. For information, contact CIS' Public Safety/Risk Management Officer Dave Nelson at dnelson@cisoregon.org or 503-763-3847.

