

# Lake Forest Park Police Department

## Body Worn Camera's



Chief C. Stephen Sutton

# Lake Forest Park – Use of Force

- 15 patrol officers
- 13,000+ calls annually
- 300+ arrests annually
- 3,800+ traffic stops annually
- Average of 6 – 8 Use of Force applications
- 0 complaints of excessive / improper force applied

# LFP Body-Cam History

- Deployed 4 VIEVU Camera's in 2010
  - Voluntary Program
    - Used by only 2-3 officers consistently
  - Found value in using them
  - Added hours of administrative time (officers and records clerks)
  - Storage and duplication an issue
  - Several complaints exonerated because of video evidence

# LFP Body-Cam History

- 2013 – 2014 No Use
- Requested from City Council to replace old technology with new in 2014 – then the Ferguson Affect.
  - The idea of added staff time with limited resources caused us to pull the item for further evaluation and input
- 2016 – Trial use of Axon (Taser) Cameras
  - City Council approved testing of Taser Body-Camera systems
  - Used by several officers, very effective system
  - However would not fund additional administrative support hours
    - Duplication, redaction, and storage management – Not cost effective