

BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



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Union Surveys Officers on the Use of Body Cameras in Advance of Hallandale Pilot Program

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – June 4, 2015 – The Broward County Police Benevolent Association (BCPBA) has hired a third-party consulting firm to survey rank-and-file City of Hallandale police officers about their opinions on body-worn cameras in the field. The city's yearlong pilot program is scheduled to begin in August.

The union notified the city of the survey and allowed input before being completed and mailed on June 3, 2015. The survey was sent to law enforcement officers from the rank of sergeant and below, not just to those officers participating in the pilot program.

Tallahassee-based JMS Associates is conducting the survey. The survey will take several weeks to process. Results are expected toward the end of the month.

“Body worn cameras have the potential to adversely impact officers’ safety and endanger their lives,” said Broward County PBA President, Jeff Marano. “A use of force consultant hired by the City of Hallandale advised that a key element of a successful program is that members ‘buy in’ to the program. A survey will help assess that. We appreciate the willingness of the City of Hallandale to work with the BCPBA as we measure the morale and opinions of officers.”

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The Broward County Police Benevolent Association is the largest law enforcement union serving Broward County. BCPBA is a non-profit organization providing labor relations assistance and collective bargaining services for its members. Our mission is to promote professionalism in law enforcement and to protect the rights and privileges of individual law enforcement officers and civilian employees, as well as to keep citizens informed of the challenges facing law enforcement today. We are active in community events including those that support and honor law enforcement.