

Ventura County Sheriff Announces Body Worn Cameras

Yesterday the Ventura County Sheriff's Office announced they have purchased, acquired and deployed body worn cameras for all deputies on patrol, including School Resource Officers (see the press release [here](#)). Pleasant Valley School District was made aware of this deployment earlier this year. The Camarillo Police Department and administrators from PVSD met to discuss the deployment and the fact that the School Resource Officer would be wearing a body camera. The Camarillo Police Department has put very clear procedures in place for when footage from the cameras will be used. PVSD and Camarillo PD discussed both legal and privacy issues regarding the filming of students of our District. Please be assured that both the District and the Police Department are very conscientious of student privacy. Any video of a student will be handled with the utmost care and thoughtfulness. It would also only be used for the purposes of law enforcement.

PVSD supports this effort of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to provide an atmosphere of transparency and trust. If you have any questions about the use of the body worn cameras by the School Resource Officer, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Student Services and Special Education, Carol Bjordahl at 445-8676 or the Camarillo Community Resource Unit at 388-5155