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**South Fulton Police Department Enhancing Operations with Body Camera and Drone Technology**

**(City of South Fulton, GA – July 2, 2020)** Interactions with police officers and how they engage during tense moments that often arise during a protest or traffic stop is the headline in news and the topic of conversation in many homes across America. The South Fulton Police Department is focused on changing that narrative by enhancing its operations with new technology equipped to activate an officer’s body camera as soon as a handgun is removed from its holster.

“This technology helps officers who have to pull their weapon quickly.” said, Keith Meadows, chief of police for the City of South Fulton. “An officer may forget to turn on their body camera that is why the automatic sensor technology is extremely important for us.”

Meadows says the department started testing the holster sensors this week. Officers have already received training on how to properly use the device when out in the field.

“The holster sensor is also connected to an officer’s patrol car. When an officer drives within a certain distance of a reported emergency their body camera will record footage automatically. The body camera will also start recording if an officer is lying down,” said Meadows.”

The department has also added a fleet of drones to their arsenal to collect evidence during accident reconstruction or search-and-rescue missions. The department’s traffic unit first used drone technology to identify and stop illegal racing from ATV riders in South Fulton neighborhoods back in May.

Within the last year, the department started a K-9 unit, purchased new patrol cars, and acquired the help of Georgia Tech to study and realign the city’s police beats.

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