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Training Announcement

Body Worn Cameras and the Law

November 13, 2025

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Only via Zoom

Course Description

Since it was first enacted in 2016, the legislature has continued to make changes in the body worn cameras for peace officers and amendments made in 2023 and 2025 further complicate the data practices and related aspects of body worn cameras. In addition, a growing number of jails are equipping staff with body worn cameras and that presents a completely different set of challenges since the law is very different for peace officers on the street and the jail setting.

In this course we will drill down deeply into the body worn camera statute and review sample policies for the street officer and in the jail. The new law is complex, even contradictory in parts and creates several traps for the unwary. Since a violation of the law can produce a \$15,000 civil penalty per violation this course should be on every agency's must-do list.

Richard Hodsdon has spent all his professional life representing and defending state and local officials, conducting criminal prosecutions, training and advising criminal justice and government officials. Rick has spent 8 years as a special assistant Minnesota Attorney General, a year in private practice and over 30 years as an assistant county attorney for Washington County Minnesota. Rick has been legal counsel for the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association since 1987.

Cost: \$90

Online: Zoom invitation will be emailed prior to the training date.

P.O.S.T. Credits: 4

Registration: MSA web site at www.mnsheriffs.org under Legal Issues for Public Agencies.

If you have questions or need further information please contact:

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