



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Terrence Murphy

Murphy secures new taser guns for Yorktown Police Department

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YORKTOWN, NY - We live in a time when a police officer's oath to "protect and serve" can be hampered by litigation or a controversial incident. To help combat crime, Senator Terrence Murphy secured a \$10,500 grant to fund the purchase of five new Taser X-2 guns for the Yorktown Police Department. In the interest of police transparency, the Taser X-2's are also equipped with a camera that records both video and audio.

"The members of our police department put their lives on the line everyday to keep our families and community safe," Senator Murphy said. "The new Taser guns will reduce the risk of an officer having to go one-on-one with someone and will help prevent people from

committing a crime."

"We're fortunate to live in a beautiful area, but like other towns our community is not immune to crime," Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace said. "It's important to have a police department that's invested in the community. Having a Taser on hand will help officers diffuse potentially dangerous confrontations."

Councilman Thomas Diana is a former Yorktown police officer who knows the Taser X-2 can be a valuable law enforcement tool. "A police officer often has a matter of seconds to decide a course of action," Councilman Diana said. "A Taser can keep a suspect at bay and help an officer get control of a situation. I only wish they were available when I was on the force."

"I want to thank Senator Murphy for making the grant possible," Yorktown Police Chief Daniel McMahon said. "We now have five additional state-of-the art Tasers that can help protect our officers and the members of our community. They will make it easier for our officers to restrain dangerous suspects."

The Taser X-2 features a nitrogen gas propulsion system that fires two darts from an average distance of 15 feet. The recipient feels a series of shocks, which causes an interruption of the recipient's neuromuscular messages and causes muscle contractions. The shocks leave the recipient dazed and unable to resist the necessary actions of the deploying officer.