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Ks Game Wardens Begin Using Body Cameras

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) - Game wardens with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism used body cameras for the first time this fall hunting season.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports that half of the department's 68 game wardens now wear the cameras. Department law enforcement director Kevin Jones says the agency would like all the wardens to wear the cameras but needs the Legislature to approve more money before more equipment can be purchased. So far, the department has spent \$10,000 on the body cameras distributed across the state.

Jones says the department began discussing the idea in early 2014 because officers often cover more than one county and are alone in the field or in a boat. The department is working on policies for how the cameras should be used.

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