Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association

Criminal Apprehension Technology (CAT) Training Program
Crime Scene Camera Grant Application

Deadline 2/28/2025 at 4:00 PM
email to kzipovsky@pachiefs.org

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association has secured funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and will offer crime scene photography equipment and related training in 2024 and 2025. The Criminal Apprehension Technology (CAT) Training Program is designed to provide training and equipment to law enforcement agencies to enhance the collection of evidence and the prosecution of offenders.

This program will benefit Pennsylvania Law Enforcement agencies in the following ways:

- **A three-day crime scene photography training session** will be held across the Commonwealth. The training will be with the actual equipment your department will receive. It is free of cost for two officers from each agency to attend. At least six courses will be conducted at various locations in the state to minimize the need to travel.

- **A comprehensive digital camera kit**, including a Nikon Z7ii 46-megapixel digital camera, various lenses, filters, flash units, memory cards, tripod, and waterproof case, will be provided at no cost to Law Enforcement agencies that successfully win the grant. The kit is valued at over $5,000.00. At least 36 camera kits will be awarded to the highest-scoring applicants, with the potential for more based on the market price of kit components during the grant period. *To receive the camera kit, an agency must agree to send personnel to be trained in its use.*

- This grant will also provide free training to officers of agencies who received digital camera kits from the PCPA under the Latent Evidence Improvement Project grant in 2021 and 2022.

This solicitation is open to all law enforcement agencies that serve the residents of Pennsylvania. The applications will be competitively scored after the close date. Law Enforcement agencies who lack the budget to purchase new/ updated crime scene photography equipment are encouraged to apply.

We are still looking for partners who could provide the PCPA with a cost-free location to provide the three-day crime scene photography course. The location would need to have a classroom that can hold a minimum of 12 attendees, a/v equipment, and access to a junk vehicle to mockup evidence for officers to document and process.

If you have any questions, contact Ken Zipovsky at kzipovsky@pachiefs.org

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Agency Name

Address

County

Phone

Point of Contact

Email

Population Served

Number of Full-Time Officers

Number of Part-Time Officers

Is your agency a member of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association?

Do you have a training location where you could support this program?

THIS SECTION WILL BE SCORED

If you are awarded this grant, will your agency report to the PCPA the number of incidents photography equipment was used each quarter for the next three years?

If you are awarded this grant, will your agency report to the PCPA the number of apprehensions resulting from evidence collected at a crime each quarter for the next three years?

Will you provide 2 officers to attend a no-cost 3-day crime scene photography training course if you are awarded this equipment?

Do you have a Detective Division?

Is your agency involved in an accreditation program?

The number of training hours other than mandatory training (not counting MIST, minimum firearm qualification, minimum control tactics, first aid and CPR) given to *each* officer in 2024.

Did your department receive camera equipment under the Latent Evidence Improvement Project grant in 2021-2022?

GRANT APPLICAITON NARRATIVE

Explain why your agency has a need for the crime scene photography equipment and training. Applicants should explain why they need this equipment and training, and what will be done with it. Applicants should also include data specific to the area that the police department serves, and compare it to other available state, local, and/ or national data elements to articulate need.

(1,500 words maximum)