



# Kendall County

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### **Kendall County Sheriff's Office Receives Safety Grant**

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a safety grant from the Insurance Program Managers Group (IPMG). IPMG is the insurance provider for Kendall County. The grant award is for \$10,000, which will cover a portion of the cost towards purchasing Taser X-2 stun guns for the Patrol and Corrections Division. The Tasers will also be outfitted with a camera that records both video and audio footage at the time of deployment.

Tasers are designed to incapacitate an attacker at a distance; two pronged darts that conduct electricity are fired at a person. Tasers are also equipped to work in a "drive-stun" mode at close range without the use of darts.

The deployment of these Tasers will provide deputies a level of protection when responding to dangerous calls that require a rapid response from law enforcement for confrontational subjects. It is used as a less lethal force option during potentially violent encounters to subdue a suspect and minimize the potential of injury to the suspect, other members of the public, and responding deputies.

Sheriff Dwight A. Baird said, "The TASER system will allow our deputies another option to deploy when faced with incidents that could possibly result in serious injury to deputies and citizens. The leadership of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office is confident that the TASER devices will reduce possibility of these injuries. Our commitment to the safety of our citizens and our deputies remains the utmost priority every day."

IPMG has provided grants to the Sheriff's Office in the past allowing us to purchase valuable equipment to assist the men and women of the Sheriff's Office to perform their duties and keep the residents of Kendall County safe and secure.