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Body Cameras, Tasers and Internal Security Cameras

In May 2019, a request for information about several legislative/capitol security issues was sent to key contacts of the National Legislative Services and Security Association (NLSSA). The specific questions were:

1. Does your legislative/capitol security office use body cameras?
2. Does your legislative/capitol security office use tasers?
3. Does your capitol or legislative building have comprehensive *internal* security cameras?

Shown below is a summary of the responses.

Alaska

1. Body cameras—no.
2. Tasers—yes.
3. Comprehensive internal security cameras—yes.

Montana

1. Our legislative security is provided by Helena Police Officers. They have body cams they can use when needed.
2. Helena Police Officers have these also.
3. Yes, we have monitored internal security cameras.

New Hampshire

1. No
2. Yes
3. We have an extensive security system that has just been implemented...but not sure about internal.

North Carolina

1. No.
2. Yes, all uniform police officers have Tasers.
3. Yes, we always had a good amount of external and entry coverage; however, since we have gone to visitor screening, we have expanded the internal and external camera coverage.

We have just completed security upgrades on our legislative building. We are currently completing them on the legislative office building.

South Carolina Senate

In the South Carolina Senate and House Sergeant's offices, we do not use body cameras or tasers, but we do have the use of video surveillance.

Our Bureau of Protective Services, which is the uniform division here at the State House, does use all three.

Texas House

1. Body cameras—yes.
2. Tasers—yes.
3. Comprehensive internal security cameras—yes.

Virginia

1. No
2. Yes, but not every employee.
3. Yes

Washington Senate

1. No
2. No
3. Yes, but not in the Rotunda.