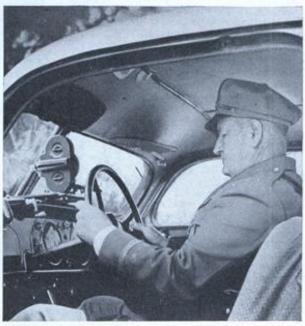


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### History of Police Video Recording

#### Movie Camera in Police Car Puts Evidence on Film

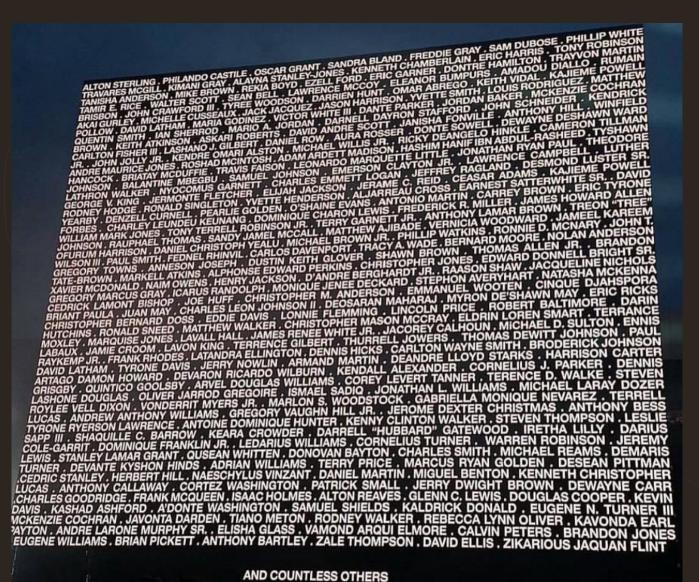
MOUNTED on the dashboard of his patrol car, with its lens pointing forward through the windshield, a motion-picture camera belonging to Officer R. H. Galbraith of the California Highway Patrol takes photographs of the automobiles he trails along the highways, making a permanent film record of any traffic violations for possible later use in court.



There's no arguing with the testimony of this movie camera

- Police-video recording dates back to as early as the 1930s
- 1960s Connecticut State Police installed the first operational videotape recording system in a patrol car
- By 2003, the in-car camera systems were in 17,500 state patrol vehicle
- By 2014, 25% of the nation's 17,000 police agencies are using body cameras
- 2015, 80% of agencies were evaluating the technology

#### In 2011 the FBI count, 404 justifiable police homicides the United States



# **Buffalo Police Department Body-Worn Cameras Policy**

- 1. Policy purpose
- 2. Activation
- 3. Pre-Report Viewing
- 4. Footage Retention
- 5. Footage Protection
- 6. Public Disclosure of Footage
- 7. Public Input

# Do Police Body Cameras Really Work?

- 88% drop in citizen complaint after the implementation of police-worn body cameras. (Ramirez, 2014).
- The study also showed 60% drop in force of officers wearing body cameras (Ramirez, 2014).
- Koslicki, Makin and Willits (2018), found that as departments move back to pre-body camera wearing implementation levels in only three years.

## Challenges with the Policy: Sustainability

	TITAN	TAZER	VIEVU
Body Camera	\$350	\$400	\$200
Monthly	\$0	\$109/ per	\$55/per
warranty Cost		month, per	month, per
		unit	unit
Storage fees	\$72500 for K2	0.1299	\$125/terabyte
	unit, software	cents/	per month
	and server	gigabyte	
Training cost	\$0	Not included	Not Included
Licensing	\$0	Varies	Varies
Average 5	\$90,000	\$347,000+	\$175,000+
year cost for			
50 officers			

### Challenges with the Policy: Accountability



Checks and Balances – Video Spot Checks

#### Recommendations



- Plan for program review
- Including funding sources
- Create an effective automated trigger/ recording

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## Questions?

