



Buffalo Police Department

# Body-Worn Cameras Policy

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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

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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 warranty Cost	\$0	\$109/ per month, per unit	\$55/per month, per unit
Storage fees	\$72500 for K2 unit, software and server	0.12-.99 cents/ gigabyte	\$125/terabyte per month
Training cost	\$0	Not included	Not Included
Licensing	\$0	Varies	Varies
Average 5 year cost for 50 officers	\$90,000	\$347,000+	\$175,000+

## 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?

