

Body Worn Cameras



Primary Purpose of Police BWCs

1. Investigating officer-involved shootings
2. Investigating use-of-force incidents
3. Addressing civilian complaints (personnel complaints)



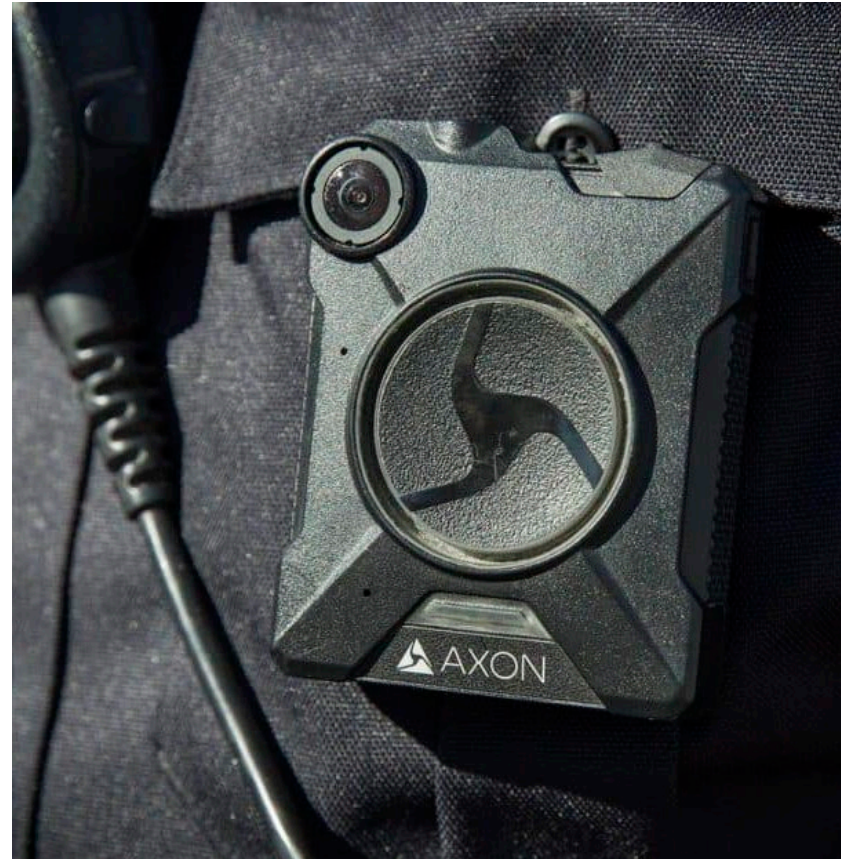
Pros: Body-Worn Cameras

- Increase transparency by creating an objective record of police-civilian interactions
- Protect both civilians and police from false allegations of misconduct
- Recordings can be used to improve training and performance
- May have evidentiary value in criminal investigations
- Reinforce good behavior and accountability



Cons: Body-Worn Cameras

- High costs of equipment and data storage. May impact the funding of other initiatives
- Curating and reviewing BWC video is highly labor-intensive. Will require the addition of at least two (2) new full-time employees (records clerk, IT)
- Use of BWCs may lead to privacy concerns from the public
- Records requests may raise legal and ethical concerns about who can access sensitive recordings and the use of recordings after release.
- It isn't easy to end a BWC program once it is implemented



Costs: Body-Worn Cameras

Initial Project Cost
\$1,709,703

- 5-year lease of equipment (hardware/software), storage, warranty
- Personnel: Records clerk
- Personnel: IT Specialist

Additional costs
\$354,305

- In-car camera system compatibility and evidence for police fleet

Total 5-year
cost
\$2,064,008

Primary Purpose of BWCs: MIPD Data

Primary Purpose	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1 Shootings	0	0	0	0	0
2 Use of Force Reviews (handcuffing incidents)	6*	7*	3*	5*	1
Use of Force (Civilian Complaint)	2	4	0	3	
	0	0	0	0	0
3 Civilian Complaints (Overall)	1	2	1	3	0
Type of Call	1. Noise	1. Noise 2. Follow-Up	1. Code issue	1. Parking 2. Traffic control 3. MV Stop	

* From 2021-2024 Handcuffing was considered use of force; policy changed in 2024

Data Analysis

0 shootings

0 Use of Force Complaints

Average of 1.55 overall civilian complaints per year

5-year cost: \$2,064,000

Although the MIPD would value the greater transparency and benefits, based on the data analysis and overall costs it is not recommended.

Our team remains committed to transparency and accountability through other well-established measures, including in-car camera system, thorough internal review processes, supervisor oversight, and open communication with the public.