

# Body-Worn Cameras

## Policy Summary - DRAFT

This is a draft policy, parts of which will be revised during the body-worn camera trial to ensure it meets the needs of the EPS and its stakeholders. The policy will be finalized following the trial and before the EPS proceeds with a service-wide rollout.

### Statement of Principle

The EPS will employ body-worn cameras (BWCs) in an overt capacity while executing their law enforcement duties.

### Purpose

Subject to Policy and any applicable Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Police Officers will use BWCs to record law enforcement interactions with the public in the course of their duties. Police Officers using BWCs will balance privacy rights with law enforcement needs and are subject to certain prohibitions as outlined in the Policy.

### Scope

This Policy applies to all sworn members who are issued BWCs, and all EPS members who are approved to manage BWC recordings and the associated technology.

### Police Officer Responsibilities

#### Training

Police Officers will complete the training course before using a BWC.

#### Start of Shift

Police Officers shall:

- Ensure the BWC equipment is functioning properly, placed on uniform and powered on.
- Annotate in their notebooks that a BWC is in use and if not being used annotate the reason for not using one in their notebooks.

#### During Shift

Police Officers shall:

- Activate and deactivate active recording in accordance with Policy.
- Add basic indexing to each event.

#### End of Shift

Police Officers shall:

- Ensure the BWC is correctly placed in the docking station for charging and uploading of video recordings.

#### Using a BWC

- Police Officers who are issued BWCs will actively record their interactions with the public for investigative or enforcement related purposes.
- Police Officers do not need to actively record all interactions with the public but once an officer realizes that the nature of their interaction will be investigative or enforcement related they shall actively start recording at that point.

### Privacy Considerations

The use of a BWC in any circumstance can have significant privacy implications. When using a BWC, police officers will weigh the law enforcement objective against privacy concerns and take reasonable steps to mitigate the impact on the individual's privacy.

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### Prohibitions

BWC equipment is used for work purposes to create video/audio recordings and shall not be used in any other circumstances outside of work duties.