

Body Worn Cameras

The technology you need to maintain the system, store the data, and keep it secure.



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Agenda

- Quick history
- Camera choices
- Video storage decisions
- State financial support fund

“body-worn camera’ means an electronic device worn on a person’s body that records both audio and video data.”
- SC Act 71, Section 23-1-240 a



Quick History

- December 2014 – bill was introduced
 - Required all officers to wear a camera for every contact
- April 2015 – bill was in three committees
- April 4, 2015 – Walter Scott Tragedy
- June 10, 2015 – bill signed into law
- December 7, 2015 – Guidelines released
 - by SC Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC)
- March 6, 2016 – Local law enforcement policy deadline
- Implementation upon funding per agency

A state or local law enforcement agency is not required to implement the use of body-worn cameras pursuant to this section until the agency has received full funding.
 - SC Act 71, Section 23-1-240-e-2



Body Worn Camera Systems (BWC)



Camera Choice Considerations

- Resolution
- Frame rate (fps)
- Video format
- Field of view
- Pre-event recording
- Activation method
- Night vision
- Photo capture
- Device memory
- Battery life
- Video streaming



Camera Choice Considerations



Video Storage Decisions

- How long to keep the video
 - 14 day minimum
 - SC State evidence laws apply for any videos that become criminal evidence
- Recording policy
- Size of force



Funding the BWC Systems

- Body-Worn Cameras Fund
 - Department of Public Safety
 - DHS Grants
- Capital expenses covered
 - Initial purchase
 - Maintenance
 - Replacements
- Operational expenses covered
 - Ongoing maintenance
 - Data storage

A 'Body-Worn Cameras Fund' is established within the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of assisting state and local law enforcement agencies, the Attorney General's office, solicitors' offices, and public defenders' offices in implementing the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to...

- SC Act 71, Section 23-1-240-E-1



Buy them now before the funding disappears...



References

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