

Greensboro Police Department's Body Worn Camera Policy



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Agenda:

- ☐ Current Body Worn Camera Deployment
- ☐ Components of the GPD's Body Worn Camera Policy
- ☐ Body Worn Camera Data Collection Current & Future
- ☐ Future Body Worn Camera Deployment Strategies



Body Worn Cameras: Deployment

- Assigned to officers at the rank of sergeant & below working in a uniformed capacity
- Assigned to officers working in a non-uniform capacity in assignments focused on enforcement & apprehension



Body Worn Cameras: Daily Deployment

Average Daily Deployment

- 240 Cameras
 - Patrol Officers: 180
 - K9 Officers: 4
 - Traffic Officers: 14
 - Violent Criminal Apprehension Detectives: 8
 - School Resource Officers: 18
 - Police Neighborhood Resource Officers: 10
 - Tactical Narcotics Officers: 6



Body Worn Camera Activation

The Body Worn Camera will be activated:

- **Prior to arrival at a call for service**
- **In anticipation of self-initiated activity**
- **Activation of blue lights and/or siren when operating a police vehicle**
- **Citizen interactions that are related to or for the purpose of a law enforcement function.**



Body Worn Camera Activation

Activation during special circumstances:

- **Traffic Checking Stations**
- **Tactical Activities & Execution of Search Warrants**
- **During the initial seizing, counting, or inventorying of seized money or high value property**



Body Worn Camera Deactivation

The Body Worn Camera can be deactivated:

- **When on-scene investigation is completed**
- **When directed by an on-scene supervisor**
- **Prior to conducting strip searches**
- **Scene assignments with no citizen interaction**
- **Taking statements from sexual assault victims**
- **Medical professionals providing protected information**
- **Taking statements from juvenile witnesses/victims**
- **When requested to do so by victims being interviewed**
- **Continuing to record would hinder cooperation of a non-suspect**



Body Worn Camera Restricted Use

- **Judicial proceedings**
- **Recording of fellow city employees**
- **Recording in bathrooms & locker rooms**
- **Recording of known confidential informants**
- **Recording in patient care areas of health care facilities**
- **Viewing by citizens unless approved by Chief of Police**
- **Viewing of recordings for anything other than official departmental purposes**
- **Erasing, editing or altering of BWC footage**



Body Worn Cameras: Video Storage

BWC footage captured during FY 14-15:

- **Total for the 12 month period:**
 - 191,574 videos
 - 28,687 hours of video
 - 21.56 TB of video
- **Average Daily:**
 - 525 videos
 - 79 hours of video
 - 59 GB of video



Current recommended policy change will potentially cause these numbers to increase significantly if not double.



Body Worn Cameras: Video Retention

Retention Categories

Category	Retention Period
Citizen Contact	90 days (30 required)
Criminal Investigation	3 years/20 years
Vehicle Stop/Crash – Warning or Infraction	90 days (30 required)
Vehicle Stop/Crash – Criminal Charge	3 years/ 20 years
Non-Citizen Involvement	90 days (30 required)
Field Training Video	1 Year
Administrative Investigation	Indefinitely



Retention of Records as required under Standard 9 of the N.C.
Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for Municipalities.



Future Strategies

Identify emerging technology and vendor to update GPD's camera program

Personally issue every GPD officer his/her own body worn camera

Expand body worn camera deployment to all assignments, including special events and secondary employment



Any Questions?



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