

Body Worn Camera & Digital Evidence Management System



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BWC Program Overview

The overall objective of the BWC program is to equip all RCMP officers who have operational interactions with the public with a body worn camera while on duty. This is estimated to be between 10,000 and 15,000 cameras. This will include RCMP officers in both Contract and Federal Policing.

The RCMP estimate of 10,000 to 15,000 cameras considers this possibility. The exact number of officers will not be known until the vendor is in place and the onboarding planning is complete.

The RCMP has defined those officers who have operational interactions with the public as front line police officers. They hold specific duty functions in uniform policing activities and account for over 90% of use of force encounters documented.

The RCMP's BWC Implementation Plan

As part of a broader strategy to enhance transparency, trust and confidence, the RCMP will be rolling out BWC in keeping with the Prime Minister's commitment from June 2020.

One of the critical success factors is ensuring active and effective stakeholder engagement, given the large number of stakeholders interested in or impacted by this initiative.

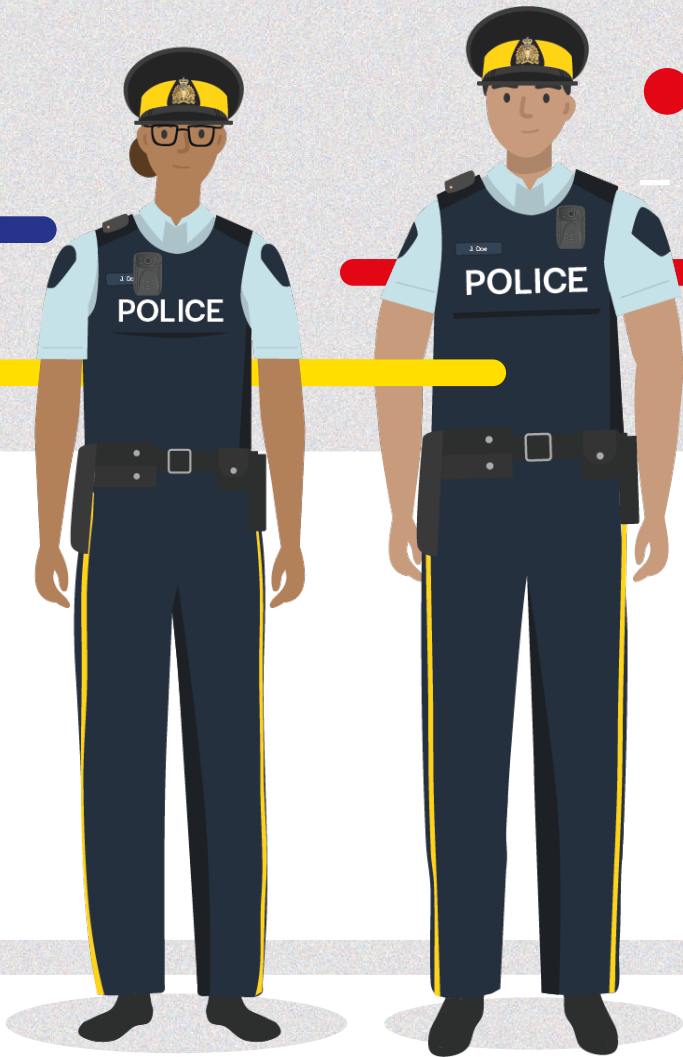
Initiative Objectives

- Improved evidence gathering and prosecutions
- Improved transparency and accountability for police leading to increased public trust confidence in police
- Timely resolutions or withdrawal of complaints upon video viewing
- Improved police and public behaviour

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Limited Pilot in V Division

Pilot has informed community engagement strategies, how the cameras will be used, training needs, and video use at trial.

- Launched November 30, 2020; Ended May 31, 2021
- 24 cameras rolled out to general duty police officers
- Communication and engagement activities effective
- Public response positive; no significant concerns
- Draft policy/procedures serve a good working model
- Worked closely with Crown to meet disclosure requirements
- Pilot evaluation (Summer/Fall 2021)

What we know

- BWC will become a national standard for RCMP members that are interacting directly with communities.
Based on research, the RCMP estimates BWCs will cost \$2000-\$3000 per camera per year. These numbers will be confirmed once a vendor is in place.
- There is an expectation that BWC will start to be rolled out in Fall 2021 and an understanding that roll-out could take up to 18 months.
- Once vendor is selected, implementation will be phased. Pilots in various settings (e.g., rural, remote, and urban) expected to assist in refining and adjusting procedures and training materials prior to broad implementation.

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